



KITTY NOVOTNY (1987) (D)

Being raised around a family that danced, she learned at an early age. She won her first dance contest on the stage of the Colony Theatre in Portsmouth at the age of 11. As a teen and later as an adult, Kitty danced in Portsmouth, Norfolk, Ocean View and Virginia Beach.

In the 70's while travelling with her husband Bert (VSHOF, 1987), she went to Groucho's and the Steak and Ale in Charlotte, NC and the Columbia Shag Club in Columbia, SC. She also ventured to Myrtle Beach. The highlight came in September, 1980 when she attended the first SOS at Ocean Drive. It was like turning back the hands of time. Kitty treasured the many friends and precious memories spent with everyone at Ocean Drive.

Kitty and Bert were charter members (1987) of the Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame and members of the National Living Legends of Dance (1994), the National Bopper Hall of Fame and the Beach Shaggers National Hall of Fame (BSNHOF). Bert and Kitty were inducted into the BSNHOF in 2003 as a recipient of the BSNHOF's Charlie Boone award, of which only 13 members have been so honored.

Kitty died in Portsmouth in 2009 and her passing was mourned by her husband Bert, her family and the whole dance world.

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