



LINDA SAYLOR (2023)

Linda's upbringing provided as authentic and classic a dance foundation as any future Shag "Hall of Famer" could have. Her story started in Eden NC, where (as a teen in the 60's) she learned basic shag steps at the Pavilion at the Lynnrock Pool, dancing to Motown and Sam Cooke from the Seeburg 100 Juke Box. Family vacations were spent in Myrtle Beach at the Lakewood Campground's open air beach pavilion, and this is where she saw and learned the unique steps and styling of our beloved dance. In particular, the 1968 vacation included side trips to Ocean Drive, dancing at the old Spanish Galleon, the original Pad, the OD Pavilion, and Sonny's at Cherry Grove.

Family life in Midlothian VA kept her busy during the 70's but she stayed in touch with dancing on disco-era floors. A 1988 trip to SOS reunited her with the re-emerging shag community. After meeting her life partner Carl Barrow (VSHOF, 2018), a notable shagger in his own right, at The Bushes Night Club in Greensboro NC, they joined the Danville, Richmond and Greater Triad Clubs, and participated in all major shag events in Richmond, Virginia Beach, Danville, Mooresville NC and Hickory NC, always exhibiting poise, elegance and smoothness. Linda took lessons from Beach Shagger Hall of Famers Judy Duke, Jackie McGee and Ellen Taylor; and attended "The Gathering" party in Greensboro NC, the "Our Time" party in North Myrtle Beach SC, the Sand Flea "Living Legends" event in North Myrtle Beach SC, the VSHOF induction party in Hampton, and the National Living Legends of Dance (NLLD) in Virginia Beach.

She especially is grateful for all the friendships and memories associated with her long affiliation with the Shag lifestyle, and that she is honored to be included in the Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame.