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Born in Richmond, V.A. on February 11, 1965, Carol grew up watching her dad (Hall of Fame Charles Gurley) practice with door knobs and the refrigerator. She learned to dance free style on the male foot. After moving to Raleigh, N.C. and watching couples dance, she changed to the female foot, but continued to learn all the male lead steps. One of the first “Junior Shaggers”, Carol and her partner Warren Squires danced in the first junior contest at Mint Julep’s in Wilmington, N.C. at the age of 14. For the next four years, she and Warren danced all over North and South Carolina at all the favorite beach clubs such as the “Bushes”; “Fat Boys”; “Bogies”; “Groucho’s”; “Harold’s” and “Fat Jacks”. She “retired” from Junior Shagging at the age of 18, undefeated. Always a favorite partner of all the male Pros, her most admired female dancers were Babs Grant and Sandra Schwartz. Carol credits her love of the dance, the music, and her natural rhythm to her No. 1 hero, her dad, Charles Gurley.