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William Jason Cagle - 2009 Born in Concord, NC on December 23, 1975, Jason's entry into the Shag world mirrored Junior Walker's words "I'll Go Where The Music Takes Me"... because it all began with the music. Introduced to rhythm and blues as a youth through his Mom's record collecting, by age 10 Jason could be found on Saturday mornings with his friend Ed Ballard scouring yard sales and flea markets in search of vintage records. First exposed to the Shag at concerts in Lake Lure, NC, filming location of the movie Dirty Dancing, he discovered a dance that fit perfectly with classic rhythm and blues. He became fully indoctrinated in the early 90's through his summer job at Ye Olde Clock Shop with Reid Arey and Butch Metcalf and he and partner Tracy Allman meeting Susie Beaver and her amazing Junior Shaggers. This lead to numerous Junior Shag Contests, meeting his wife Holly, winning the Non-pro division in the 2006 nationals, and becoming a member of the Nationals Shag Dance Team. Jason continues to promote the danced, music, tradition and lifestyle as a D.J., competition Pro dancer, and serving on the Boards of the Beach Music Association International and the Hall of Fame Foundation.