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Born January 15, 1978 in Lexington, N.C., Brandi began ballet and tap dancing at age 2 1/2. At age 11, at the insistence of her dad, Fred Collins, she began shag lessons at the Boat Dock in Southmont, N.C. with instructors Wanda and Johnny Bass. Following more lessons with Sy Creed at the Juke Box in High Point, N.C., she competed in her 1st Shag Nationals at age 13 with partner Clint Simpson. Brandi continued to be taught and influenced by Shad and Brenda Alberty, Susie Beaver and Dana Brown. After several years of competition including Nationals and Grand Nationals, Brandi left competitive shagging in 1996 to concentrate on school. A graduate of UNC Greensboro, with a Communications Major and Minor in Dance, she taught shag at Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Greensboro, N.C. and trained in Ballroom. She danced professionally in Ballroom competition for several years as well as coached and danced for various semi-professional sporting leagues. In 2008, Brandi returned to competitive shagging and with partner Casey Litaker, won the 2009 Non-Pro Division in the National Shag Dance Championships and was a member of the National Shag Dance Team. She now resides in Greensboro, N.C. with husband Greg and son Collin and continues to shag and promote the dance for future generations.