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Ashley was born in Charlotte, NC on February 3, 1983. She was introduced to the shag by her parents, Horton and Cissi Shearin. Their love of the music and the dance influenced Ashley's interest at an early age. She began taking lessons at Boppers Shag Club when she was 15 from Jerry and Pat Stegall. She was also influenced by Shag legends Brenda Alberty, Sam West and Suzie Beaver. Over the years, Ashley entered numerous Junior shag contests and competed in the Junior II division at the Nationals with partners Jason Justice and TJ Phipps. Her passion for the dance led to her living in N. Myrtle Beach for 3 summers to be closer to the action. During this time she secured a position at H's Shag Club teaching weekly beginner lessons. In 2002, Ashley was awarded the Shad Alberty Memorial Scholarship and in 2004, the Dewey Kennedy Memorial Scholarship. In 2010 she graduated from Western Carolina University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nutrition and Dietetics. Ashley continues to preserve and support the dance by competing and attending current shag events. In 2011 she competed at the Grand Nationals and in 2014 at the Nationals, representing the Non-Professional division. Currently Ashley is a Technical Recruiter and resides in Charlotte, NC.