



Posthumous Trey McCants

TREY MCCANTS

Born in Monroe, NC on June 16, 1972, Trey learned the Shag at the age of 12, having been taught the basic by his mother Deborah "Big Red" Roper. In 1985 he began taking classes from Rod Hager and "Keeper" Dana Brown at Groucho's In Charlotte, N.C. He became a member of the Junior Shag Association and began competition with his sister, Mandy McCants, his most special partner. Trey became a very accomplished shagger, danced at many charity events and competed in the Nationals, Grand Nationals and the US Open Swing Dance Championships. It was his pleasure to exhibit and compete with superior partners such as Wendy Teeter-Yount and "Keeper" Jennifer Beaver Sogluzzio. His favorite Hall of Fame "divas" were Joanne Johnson, Sandra Swartz, Ellen Taylor and Janet Morris. Trey found that dance exposed him to a world of imminent creativity and boundless friendships; it pumped through his blood always. Branching out into other major dance circuits involving Swing, Jitterbug, Two-Step and more, Trey became a teacher. He traveled and taught in many venues including New York City. Tragically, Trey passed away from a sudden illness on March 14, 2013. All who knew him know how honored he would be to become a "Keeper" and stand beside the very distinguished people who share his great love of our dance.