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Born in 1966, Jennifer was raised in Wilmington, N.C. to a family who loved the shag. Her mom, Shag Hall of Famer, Judy Duke, taught her to dance. Dad, Skipper, was a Beach Music Hall of Fame DJ and this added to her love of the music. Her parents owned a beach club called Mint Juleps where she danced in the first ever junior shag contest. In 1982, she was invited to represent the Shag at the World's Fair in Knoxville, Tenn. One of her favorite summer memories was when she and her sister, Jodi, were principal dancers in the movie "SHAG". After graduating from ECU, Jennifer moved to Ocean Drive where she met her husband, Mitch through his parents, Mitch and Sue Batten who were also pro dancers. Jennifer and Mitch have two children, Jackson and Lizzie who dance on junior teams and are National Junior Shag Champions. Their family has assisted Judy Duke's shag classes at Fat Harold's for several years. She is also a professional artist and has donated her work to promote the shag community. Currently, Jennifer is a board member of the Junior Shag Association and is proud to help spread the love of the dance and its people.