



### **MADELEINE JORDAN (2003)**

Madeleine Jordan began her dance life at age 13 at the Ocean View Community Center in Norfolk, VA. The following teen years took her to the Ebbside at Jimmy's Beach and the Candlelight at Ocean View.

The music of the day was by Big Joe Turner, The Crests, Fats Domino, and the Rhythm Rockers – and was the choice of the Tidewater Region high school sororities and fraternities. These groups regularly put on informal dances. In the course of enjoying the rhythm & blues music and simply having fun, she was part of an important group which was transitioning Jitterbug and Bop into Beach Swing and Shag. The style became definable – and popular – and was nicknamed “The Craddock” after all the smoothie dancers at Portsmouth's Craddock High School.

At the Lido Inn in Norfolk, she was mesmerized by local dance notables Jim & Fran Bingley, who were influential in the development of her dance style. While marriage, family and career happened, she continued to dance all over Norfolk, Ocean View, Portsmouth, and Virginia Beach, where she wound up at the Virginia Beach Shag Club (VBSC), refining her style with lessons from Larry & Kathy Williams. She has always been a regular at SOS and regional dance events. Madeleine was a regular travel companion with VSHOF Chairman Emeritus Jim Overton to local and out-of-town dance events until his declining health prevented his continued travel.

Her elegant smoothness, glittering floor presence, authentic Shag styling, and her very real influence in developing and establishing that dance style associated with mid-Atlantic Beach dance culture earned her entry into the Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame in 2003 and subsequently the coveted Star of the National Living Legends of Dance in 2005. The VA Shaggers Hall of Fame is honored to have Madeleine Jordan as a distinguished member.