



Newsletter
August 22, 2026
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Announcements

We celebrated the life of Mike Williford Saturday night. What a great turnout! So nice to see so many folks that have not attended in a while: Barry Marshall, Ann and Richard McElroy, among many others!

Thank you to Ken Hughes for helping with the sound system for the celebration of life service.

Thank you for donating candy: Carol Daniels, Rena Wood and Buddy Barber, Laura and Jim Agee.

***Saturday night cover charge: \$5 for members, \$10 for visitors.
No \$50 or \$100 bills please. Debit and credit cards accepted with a
small processing fee.***



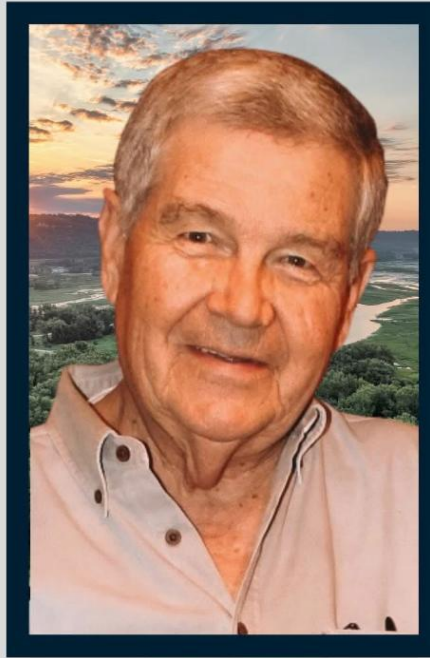
Our Camp Sunshine amount is \$1,251.50.

Celebration of Life for Ken Miller

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

September 19th • 2pm to 5pm

@ THE OLD WOOLEN MILL
445 Church St SE Cleveland, TN 37311



Kenneth Miller

MARCH 31, 1943 - AUGUST 6, 2026

Come share memories and celebrate the life
of Ken with family and friends!

In Memoriam – Billy Waldrep



We are saddened to announce the passing of Billy Waldrep. Billy was well known in the shag community.

He was inducted into the following:

- *1998 Beach Shaggers Hall of Fame*
- *2002 National Living Legend of Dance*
- *2018 Association of Beach and Shag Club Hall of Fame D.J.'s*

He was honored in the 2016 ShagAtlanta Wall of Fame.

He was well known for his rendition of 'Beer for My Horses' and 'Traveling Shoes.'

We miss him!

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R & B Shag Club of Spartanburg MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: BILLY WALDREP

By: Tom Wilburn, President of R&B Shag Club



Bill Waldrep and I had a chance to discuss his thoughts and journey of shag. I admit that talking with Billy was like having the opportunity to savor a first taste of filet mignon. Billy was open and humble about his appreciation of the love of people and the music.

Here goes! -

Bill Waldrep attended Woodruff High School and furthered his education at Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC. Once he graduated he began with Phillips Fiber in manufacturing and was promoted to Technical Service representative where he traveled for the company.

It started with a girl as with most things. Billy would hitchhike to Myrtle Beach to the Pavillion where a Greenville gal taught him to shag. Billy was 18 & 19 years of age. As a young man, he listened to WLAC an AM station in Nashville. They played black artists -blues and he fell in love with the music. My guess is his transistor radio was by his pillow at night as he listened.



Billy attended the first SOS in 1980 and all other SOSs for over 30 + years. In 1998, during an introduction from Cooter Douglas about Billy's induction into the Hall of Fame; he said Billy "White Trash" Waldrep was Mayor of a trailer park. It stuck, but there is more to the story. Criteria must be met:

Billy's bio: Officer in the shag club, love for shag dance and music, taught lessons over 30 years, member of 7 or 8 shag clubs where he DJ 'ed regularly, and was a business owner for dance

Billy taught shag with Sandy Coley & Elaine Cabness for years. He has judged contests in Florence, Charlotte, Greenville, Spartanburg, and Atlanta. When I asked him, "Did you compete," he commented, "I did see myself once or twice on video dancing with others like John English & Shad Alberty.

Mr White Trash Waldrep was a business owner with a group of investors who all loved the lifestyle and music of shag. They opened Club Sovy with operating manager Rick Hubbard, which later became the Sand Flea. As a reference point, Club Sovy was open before Ye Old Fireplace.

What thoughts do you have about being a DJ?

- 1- Be who you are!
- 2- Make the crowd happy and sometimes satisfying the crowd is difficult.
- 3- Speak to people and remember the songs they enjoy hearing

What is the best part of being a DJ? Watching friends dance and enjoying themselves.

What struck me was Billy's comment "All the money I have spent is nothing compared to the friends I have made."

In closing: There is nothing White Trash about Mr. Waldrep - just a catchy name. He is a friend, gentleman, statesman and ambassador. He has spent his life loving people, music, and the lifestyle of shag.

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Here are a few videos of Billy Waldrep!

2016 ShagAtlanta “Beer for My Horses”:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6wkb6sdIro>

2016 ShagAtlanta “Traveling Shoes”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PANZ8RDvzwU>

1998 Beach Shaggers Hall of Fame Induction

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=20Sol7xPl5g>

*2011 HHI Winter Classic Party dancing with Hall of Fame Dancer,
Betty Kane*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s5-oOMMHYyM>

ShagAtlanta
Carolina Shag
Dance Lesson

Basic 1

6:00 - 6:20PM

ShagAtlanta
Carolina Shag
Dance Lesson

Basic 2

6:25 - 7:00PM

Saturday, August 29

Cover Charge: \$5 for Members, \$10 for Visitors

Brimstone Restaurant in Alpharetta, GA

Stay to dance 7-10PM

Instructors Kelly and Dwayne Crocker

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ARE YOU READY FOR SOME
FOOTBALL?

ShagAtlanta

Sept 12

7-10 PM

**COVER: \$5 FOR MEMBERS
\$10 FOR VISITORS
DJ: BUCK CRUMPTON**

Brimstone Restaurant in Alpharetta, GA

Wear your Favorite Team's Jersey/T-shirt or Hat!

Food and Drink Available for Purchase



Christmas Party 2026

Saturday, December 5

6-11:30PM at

American Legion Post 201



201 Wills Road, Alpharetta, GA 30009

Cost: \$50 per person

(Deadline to purchase: November 20)

* ONLY 192 Tickets available, purchase early.

* The event will be OPEN SEATING unless an entire table is purchased (6 people).

RESERVE your table early!

*If you are purchasing individual tickets, please complete one form per individual. If you are purchasing a table, please provide all names and contact information on the table reservation form. Provide first, second, and third choices on table numbers.

Table Cost: \$300

DJ: Jim Agee

Hotels within 3 miles of the Legion:

* Courtyard by Marriott Atlanta
Alpharetta/Avalon Area

* Courtyard by Marriott Atlanta/Alpharetta

* Comfort Inn, Windward Pkwy Nearby
shopping @ Avalon Alpharetta

Doors Open: 6:00 PM

Dinner: 7-8PM

Cash Bar:

Discount for American Legion Members
(Member ID Required)

Dinner Menu:

Chicken Parmigiana, Salad, Rolls, Baked Ziti, Dessert,
Tea, or Water

Dancing: Until 11:30PM

Large 40' X 64' Dance Floor!

Dance Card:

Completed cards will be entered into random drawing
for a prize!

Raffles:

Split the Kitty (50/50 Raffle)



ShagAtlanta Christmas Party 12/5/2026 REGISTRATION FORM

Clip this form and include it with your payment. **Make checks payable to 'ShagAtlanta'.**

Mail Check to: Donna Esposito, 3877 Brushy Ridge Way; Suwanee, GA 30024

Name (Reserver): _____ Shag Club Affiliation: _____

Address: _____ C

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone #: _____

email: _____ Reserve a Table: Yes ___ No ___ *Please complete
table reservation form, providing names and email addresses.

Dietary Restrictions? Vegetarian: ___ Gluten-free ___

Attendees will receive an email confirmation. No refunds, but tickets are transferable. All guests must be 21 years or older. Questions? Contact Donna Esposito, 678-464-4566 or dannespo3@gmail.com

To Print the Party Flyer:

1) Select this link:

<https://www.shagatlanta.com/xmas-party>

2) Select 'Click to Print' just above the flyer

3) Select the Printer Icon in upper right

4) Select Print button



ShagAtlanta Table Reservation Form
6 People Per Table
Table = \$300



TABLES

STAGE

TABLES

	8
23	7
24	6
25	5
26	4
27	3
28	2
	1

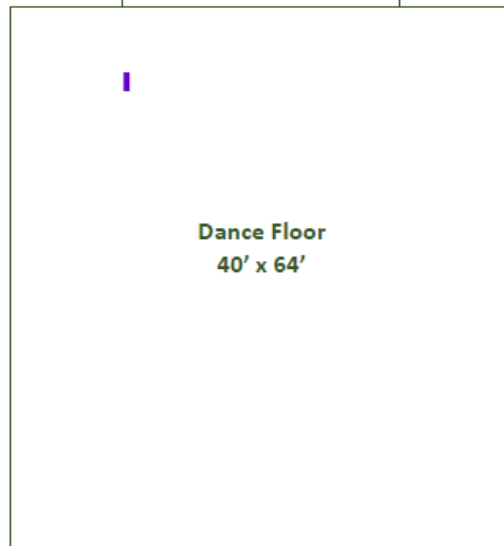


Photo	Booth
9	22
10	21
11	20
12	19
13	18
14	17
15	16

NO TABLES IN
FRONT OF BAR
AREA

ENTRY

BAR

Provide first, second, and third choices for table numbers below:

TABLE RESERVATIONS - \$300 by November 20, 2026.

First Table Choice # _____ Second Table Choice # _____ Third Table Choice# _____

Each Attendee Name

Attendee Email Address



1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____

Prayer Requests

Please remember our friends in your prayers:

Jack Teague

Joe Wansley

Susan Hopper

ShagAtlanta Upcoming Events

<u><i>Date</i></u>	<u><i>Event</i></u>	<u><i>DJ</i></u>
<i>08/29/26</i>	<i>Dance Lesson Class</i>	<i>Buck Crumpton</i>
<i>09/05/26</i>	<i>September Birthday Celebration</i>	<i>Jim Agee</i>
<i>09/12/26</i>	<i>Football Celebration</i>	<i>Buck Crumpton</i>
<i>09/19/26</i>	<i>Let's Dance</i>	<i>Jim Agee</i>
<i>09/26/26</i>	<i>Let's Dance</i>	<i>Ken Hughes</i>

We Appreciate Our Volunteers!



***Thank you to Barbara Jones and Debbie Tweedell
for serving at the welcome table!***

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Thank you to Donna Esposito for taking our photos!

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Thank you to Susan and Scott Brumfield (pictured on left) for selling split the kitty tickets!

Member Lottery

Donna Ross would have won \$31 during the member lottery drawing!

Winners must be:

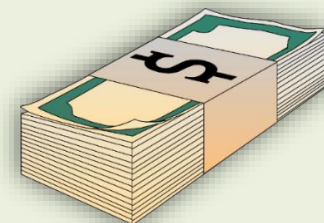
- 1) a member of the ShagAtlanta**
- 2) present at the drawing**

Next Amount:

\$100

How does it work? Each week we collect money for split the kitty. One fourth of the money goes to the club to cover expenses, one fourth of the money goes to the member lottery, and one half of the money goes to the split the kitty winner.

If the winning name is not present, the money rolls over until next week.



Split The Kitty Winner



Carol Daniels and Sharon Clark won \$137 in our split the kitty!

Our DJ



Thank you to Ken Hughes for keeping the music flowing!

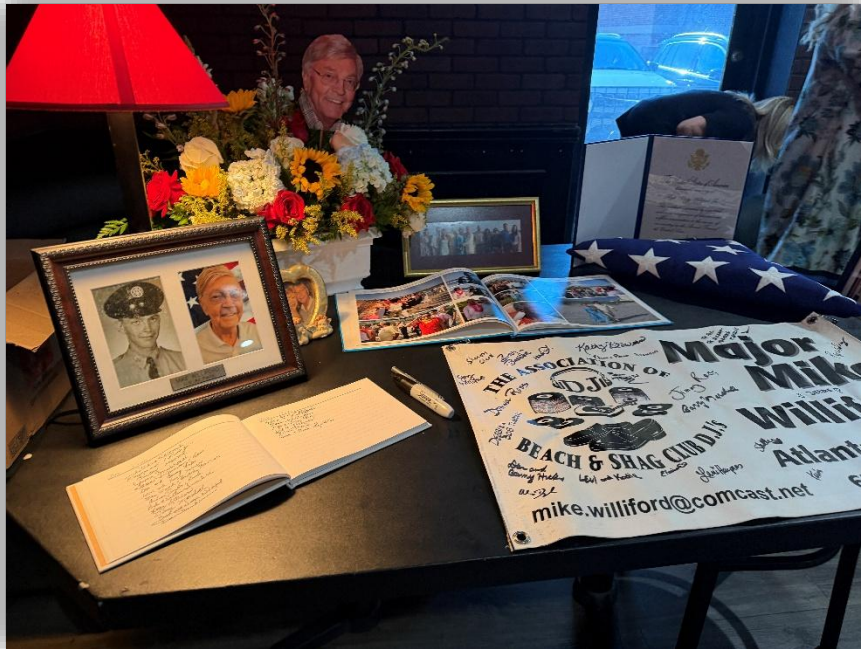
Mike Williford Celebration of Life Service



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"Beer for My Horses" in Memory of Billy Waldrep



Saturday Night Dancing









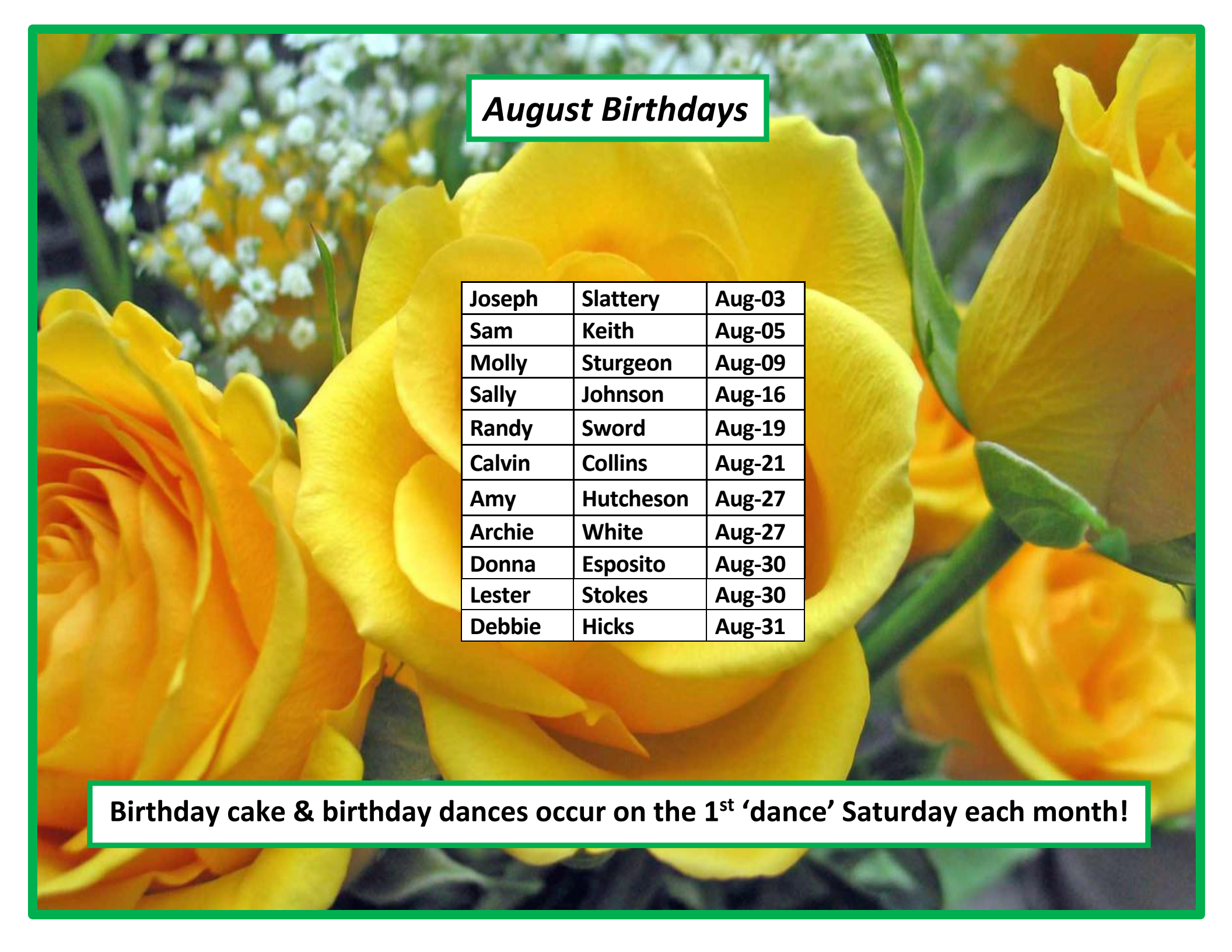












August Birthdays

Joseph	Slattery	Aug-03
Sam	Keith	Aug-05
Molly	Sturgeon	Aug-09
Sally	Johnson	Aug-16
Randy	Sword	Aug-19
Calvin	Collins	Aug-21
Amy	Hutcheson	Aug-27
Archie	White	Aug-27
Donna	Esposito	Aug-30
Lester	Stokes	Aug-30
Debbie	Hicks	Aug-31

Birthday cake & birthday dances occur on the 1st 'dance' Saturday each month!

SOS & ACSC Workshop DATES

2026

SOS Spring Safari

April 17-26

ACSC Summer

July 17-19

Workshop - Columbia, SC

SOS Fall Migration

Sept. 18-27

Upcoming Shag Dance Parties

For the Full List Go To: [Parties and Events \(shagdance.com\)](http://partiesandevents.shagdance.com)

For the Full List of Junior Shag Events Go To: <https://juniorshaggers.com/>

<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Flyer Link</u>
<i>Shag-A-Rama</i>	<i>Panama City Beach, FL</i>	<i>10/07/26 - 10/10/26</i>	<u>Link</u>
<i>SOS Reunion Cruise 2</i>	<i>Canada and New England</i>	<i>10/16/26 - 10/29/26</i>	<u>Link</u>
<i>Fall Bash</i>	<i>Johnson City, TN</i>	<i>10/16/26 - 10/17/26</i>	<u>Link</u>
<i>Orange Squeeze</i>	<i>Orlando, FL</i>	<i>10/29/26 - 10/31/26</i>	<u>Link</u>
<i>Hilton Head Island Winter Classic</i>	<i>Hilton Head Island, SC</i>	<i>01/21/27 - 01/23/27</i>	<u>Link</u>
<i>Shag Cruise</i>	<i>Western Caribbean</i>	<i>01/24/27 - 01/31/27</i>	<u>Link</u>
<i>Storm Party</i>	<i>Anderson, SC</i>	<i>02/26/27 - 02/28/27</i>	
<i>CSRA</i>	<i>Augusta, GA</i>	<i>03/19/27 - 03/21/27</i>	<u>Link</u>
<i>Grand Nationals</i>	<i>Marietta, GA</i>	<i>05/27/27 - 05/31/27</i>	<u>Link</u>
<i>Beach Music Cruise</i>	<i>Tampa - Key West - Grand Cayman</i>	<i>02/12/28 - 02/17/28</i>	<u>Link</u>