

Harold Kauffman

Date of birth -

Residence - 709-11th Ave., DeWitt , Iowa 52742

Meritorious Service was his category and truly the "Dad" of bowling in the DeWitt community.

Harold was very active in bringing bowling to DeWitt and was instrumental in the construction of the first bowling lanes in DeWitt. DeWitt only had about 4 lanes and at first was just in the open bowling business.

Harold was responsible for the organization of the DeWitt BA and he was the first DeWitt Association Secretary. Harold held that job for 20 years and helped in promoting bowling and getting DeWitt's first leagues organized.

The small four lane establishment burned up and DeWitt was without a bowling establishment for a few years until the construction of a 8 lane establishment which is still in business. Again Harold was the main force in promoting bowling and leagues for the new owners.

Harold was also active as a league officer being secretary of one league for 30 years.

Harold participated in more than 30 state tournaments and 20 ABC Tournaments his first ABC being in Detroit in 1948. He was also a regular entry in our State Jamboree's his first being in Muscatine in 1950 and he won the singles tournament that year.

In the 1959-60 season he was the first DeWitt bowler to receive the Man of the Year Award. Harold was a annual delegate to the Iowa State Bowling Association annual meeting.

The Sweet 16 tournament held in conjunction with the DeWitt City Tournament was originated by Harold and he won the prestigious tournament in 1974 with a 810 series for 4 games.

Harold bowled his first 700 series in DeWitt during the 1962-63 season a 708 series on games of 214-235-259. He is a member of the Clinton 700 Club Chapter # 2 of the 700 Clubs of America.

Harold's highest average was 194 and his high game was 278.

For many years Harold wrote the weekly bowling column for the DeWitt Observer and they called it "Bowling by Dad".

The important thing that can be said about Harold was that he never gave up and never turned down an offer to help a fellow bowler or a junior bowler. He helped many a junior bowler in that program in the DeWitt area.

Harold passed away 1980.

Inducted into the Iowa Bowling Hall of Fame in March 1978.



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