

Charles Rut

Date of birth -

Residence - 1705 West Garfield Street, Davenport, Iowa

Posthumous selection was his category but was a very good bowler a generous sponsor and a promoter of the bowling game.

Charlie was a member of the Davenport Bowling Association for over 30 years and a hub of excitement wherever he bowled. He and his partner of the Quad City Bowling Service sponsored over 50 teams each bowling season.

"Jolly Charlie" as he was called by many bowlers was a ardent booster of the City, State and National Bowling Tournaments. Most memorable being the 1962 ABC Tournament in Des Moines, Iowa. Charlie's Quad City Bowling Service team was paired on the same lanes with Don Carter Glove team. Charlie was the lead-off man for his team and Don Carter for his team. Charlie matched Don Carter strike for strike in the third game each starting with the first six strikes and finishing with identical 259 games. The Carter Glove team really enjoyed bowling with Charlie's team and was inspired enough to win the pro division that year. The event was not only covered in the Bowling Magazine and Bowlers Journal but the local and national newspapers as well.

A local TV station carried a live bowling show from Kimber Lanes, in Bettendorf, featuring local and nationally know bowlers. Charlie was a participant and when he wasn't bowling on the show he was one of it's strongest supporters.

Charlie also teamed up with his Kimber Lanes teammates to bowl match games with some of the finest teams in the country. He bowled against such name bowlers as Billy Welu, Buzz Fazio, Steve Nagy, Joe Joseph, Don Carter and Dick Weber.

Charlie was always a fierce competitor on the lanes and bowled in the highest scratch leagues in the Davenport area. He averaged in the 190's and bowled a number of 700 series. In 1965 in the Davenport City he rolled a 710 series April 13th and the following week on April 20th bowled a 710 series again. Member of the Davenport 700 Club and the 700 Bowling Clubs of America.

Charlie passed away in February 1972.

Inducted into the Iowa Bowling Hall of Fame in March 1979, Posthumously.