

RALPH BRILES JR.: Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Born January 29, 1936

Ralph was one of Iowa's best and most accomplished bowlers during the 1960's and 70's. Around the Cedar Rapids area, you would have to describe him as one of the most dominating bowlers of that era. With his knowledge of the game and his superb ability, he was able to excel on some of the toughest conditions a bowler could ask for. These include the Peterson Classic, the Buck Rogers in Platteville, Wis., and a fantastic Iowa State tournament record that boasts five state titles.

Ralph was won of the most intense team and doubles bowler who for many years was the anchorman of the famed Briles Bowling Supply team which was one of the most prominent bowling teams in Iowa history. This team featured the likes of not only Ralph but also present Hall of Fame members Mike Berlin, Ed Albers and Ron Yeager.

Through Ralph's bowling supply business, he sponsored many teams. He loved kids and sponsored Junior leagues called Briles Bantam and Briles Juniors. Ralph's generosity did not just stop with the young bowlers of Y.A.B.A. but also was extended to the Seniors on fixed incomes within the city.

In 1978 Ralph was inducted into the Cedar Rapids Bowling Hall of Fame. Ralph's high game was a 298 and high average was 208. The following are highlights:

Iowa State Tournament, team 1st place 1971, 1972 and 1977, doubles 1st place 1962 with John Wall, 1979 with Ed Albers, 2nd place all events, 1962 and 1979.

2nd place team 1973, 1975, and 1980..

Other tournaments:

1st Iowa Masters B.A., Dubuque, Ia, 1st Central Illinois doubles with Jack Frost, 1st Burlington team Burlington Christmas Club (four titles), 1st team Eldorado Classic, Decatur, Illinois, 1st place singles, Muscatine Christmas Club (5 games) 689 series, 1st place Recreation Lanes individual, Clinton, Ia, 4 games 954, 1st place team Cornbelt Classic, (with Ron Yeager, Mike Berlin), 1st place Legion Springtime Classic Individual, Cedar Rapids, Ia. 706 series, 1st place team Cedar Rapids city tournament., 1st place team Waterloo city tournament, 1st place team E & S. tournament, Cedar Rapids, Ia., Iowa Match games, 8 finals, best finish 3rd place, Peterson Classic, Chicago, Il., 1592 score made roll offs squad sponsor.

Inducted in 1996 in the Bowling Ability Category.



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