T.W. (Woody) Clarken

Date of birth - May 6,1917

Residence - 1419-8th Ave. North,Fort Dodge,Iowa

Meritorious Service was his catagory and he did quite a job in the Fort Dodge area.

Woody started bowling in Eagle Grove,Iowa at the Eagle Bowl in February 1951. His first season he averaged 166.

Woody started bowling in Fort Dodge in 1952 and in the ensuing years bowled on some of the better teams in Fort Dodge. Woody was quite active as a officer in a number of leagues in Fort Dodge area serving the Sport Bowl Classic League as President for 12 years. He was instrumental in forming the Ridgewood Classic League and the Dodger Lanes Classic League.

He served as King Pin and Pin Buoy of the Fort Dodge 700 Club and was a member also of the 700 Clubs of America. Woody had five career 700 series his highest being 729.

Woody's highest average was during the 1975-76 season when he averaged 199. He was consistently in the 190 average bracket.

Woody's highest game was 279 and he had a number of them.

Elected a Director of the Fort Dodge Bowling Association in 1954 and served as President during the 1959-60 season.

Elected a Director of the Iowa State Bowling Association in 1962 and served that association as President the 1969-70 season.

Woody was a very active member of both Fort Dodge and the Iowa State BA and served on all committees and a very active Past President.

Woody had three Triplicate series highest being 205 and just missed a higher one with 223-223-224.

In the Fort Dodge City Tournament he has been on 7 winning teams and won the scratch all-events once.

Woody competed in 27 Iowa State tournaments and 17 ABC tournaments. He was the 1978 Iowa State Seniors Class C Singles Champion with a scratch series of 644.

Woody was also very active in the Junior Bowling Program serving on the board of the Fort Dodge and Iowa State Associations.

Woody passed away on September 1,1984.

Inducted into the Iowa Bowling Hall of Fame in March 1980.

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