JOE PAULLINE

Date of Birth -

Residence - 214½ South 4th St., Clinton, Iowa 52732.

Joe was a Posthumous selection.

Joe joined his first organized A.B.C. bowling league in September of 1928, the year the Clinton Bowling Association was chartered by the American Bowling Congress and had been a member until his death.

Joe's first state tournament was in 1930 and he bowled in everyone until 1975. In 1941 he and his partner, Al Poffenberger were the state doubles champions with a score of 1238. He participated in 21 A.B.C. tournaments, his first was in Cleveland in 1939. He never won a title but placed high on the all-events list several times.

He was a member of four different leagues during his bowling tenure. Each year he would participate in many of the tournaments held in Iowa and the surrounding area. His ability brought him recognition of being one of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois finer keglers.

Clinton City tournament: he was all events champ in 1946, singles champ in 1948 and won the doubles in 1951. He won the Crossing City tournament and also the Moline Dispatch sweeper. Rolled his first 700 in 1951 and has a total of 4 and was a member of the Clinton 700 Club.

He had to his credit four 289 games with a lifetime average of 190 and a high average of 196. He bought his first bowling ball (a two finger ball) at a local jewelry store for $.50 a week. He was an active member of the Clinton Moose Club and promoted many teams to attend State and National tournaments. Joe was always one of the first volunteer's to help Clinton host one of their state tournaments.

Joe's enthusiasm and dedication did not end when health reasons forced him to give up his active participation in the game of ten pins. Joe continued to support his family as all were active bowlers including his granddaughter Abbie who won the "Harry Tuma Award" several years ago.

Joe is a member of the Clinton Bowling Association Hall of Fame.

Inducted into the Iowa Bowling Hall of Fame in March 1991.