JAMES EIGHMEY: Waterloo, Iowa
Born January 15, 1936

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POSTHUMOUS

The Waterloo Bowling Association is requesting the State Hall of Fame Committee to consider Mr. James Eighmey for the Iowa State Bowling Hall of Fame.

Jim was a longtime member of the Waterloo Association before moving in 1985 to Iowa Falls to manage Pla Mor Bowl. Jim was known for his sense of humor and engaging personality as well as his bowling accomplishments.

Jim has logged over 30 years of work with the bowling industry since he was first hired as a pinsetter at the old Burr Park Lanes in Waterloo. He held numerous positions in the local bowling houses and prior to moving to Iowa Falls, was Manager and part owner of the Waterloo Bowl Inn, where he worked for over 25 years.

Jim was also a bowler in addition to his job as a promoter of the game. During his career, which covered 4 decades, Jim recorded 20 700s and averaged as high as 200 in an era known for difficult conditions and scoring.

His greatest accomplishments were reserved for the 1973 Iowa State Tournament in Spencer, Iowa, where he won the Open division Singles title with a 693. He also won the All-Events with 1945 and placed 3rd in the Doubles. Jim had numerous league titles to his credit: 1st place in the North East Iowa Waterloo Courier Tournament of Champions, 1965 Waterloo City Tournament Team Scratch Champion, and the 1969 Waterloo Doubles Scratch and Handicap Champions.

Jim was credited with forming entire leagues in the years when the local economy was down. He also did an outstanding job of promoting bowling tournaments which raised money for such causes as heart disease, multiple sclerosis, and cancer. Jim was instrumental in starting the Special Olympics Tournament which in 1992 was renamed "The Jim Eighmey Special Olympics Invitational".

When one compares the outbreak of scoring which has been rampant in the last 10 or so years, Jim's total of 20 700s would be considered an average year for todays high skilled players. In Jim's era, his numbers were solid, capped off with 2 State titles. Jim's service to his community speaks for itself.

James Eighmey was born on January 15, 1936 and he passed away on November 27, 1992.

The Waterloo Bowling Association asks that you look kindly upon Jim Eighmey's nomination and respond in a positive manner with the selection of this candidate.

Sincerely;
The Waterloo Bowling Association

Inducted in 2003 in the Posthumous Category