LOUIS KACERE

Date of Birth -

Residence - 1658 - 32nd St. N.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402.

Lou is very active and still contributes very much to bowling in Cedar Rapids and the state. In their association he is known as the warmest and most enthusiastic man in the game of ten pins.

He started bowling in 1947 at a relatively late age of 27. He became an accomplished bowler in a very short time as his tournament record shows. He spent four years as part owner of Tropic Lanes in Cedar Rapids. He later became a postman until retiring in 1980 after 27 years of service.

Lou's bowling feats include a 702 series in the 1952 A.B.C. singles in Milwaukee where he finished 10th, and rolling an 1800 plus in the all events to receive two medals. He finished 3rd in the 1957 ISBA all events with a 1902. He has bowled a number of 700's in league and tournaments, including five in one year (1952) when 700's didn't come so easy. His average for most of his bowling years was in the 180 - 194 range. In 1983 at age 63 he averaged 189.

Lou was very dedicated to the young bowlers in Cedar Rapids. One junior bowler told his dad, Lou is someone the kids will listen to he knows what he is talking about, he watches you and he can tell you what you are doing wrong. One adult said, Lou is so much fun to bowl with. He's always smiling and never gets on your case, and he won't let you get down on yourself. Lou has contributed to bowling through helping people with their games and giving his services. He is always trying to upgrade bowling and give the game a good image. He has a gracious personality and feels a smile is the cheapest thing you have ....why not share it?

Lou is Vice-Chairman of the Cedar Rapids Hall of Fame, member of the Cedar Rapids board, on the YABA board, a coach at Jubilee Lanes and Pin Buoy of the 700 Bowling Club, Chapter 19 in Cedar Rapids.

He was secretary of the Masters league for 5 years, and secretary of the Staff of Life League for 15 years. In 1983 Lou was presented the Frank J. Stanek Award for his sportsmanship, dedication, and contributions to the sport of bowling.

1950 he was State Eagles champ, team champion State Legion 1950, 1957 four titles in Post Office tournament, 1955 city doubles champ, 1957 city singles champ, 1952 city and state Eagles runner-up. and 1957 3rd place all events in the Iowa State tournament. High game 289 (3times), high series 733, and high average 194.

Lou was elected as the Midwest Regional Director for the 700 Bowling Clubs of America. He was presented Director of the Year for the CRBA in 1990, and elected to the Cedar Rapids Bowling Association Hall of Fame in 1983.

Inducted into the Iowa Bowling Hall of Fame in March 1992.

Lou was a Special Category selection.