many memories of tournaments past and where we thought bowling was headed in the future.

Every year, we reminisced about Lo Borschuk, Virg Van Dierendonck, Karen Krula and my years as the Tournament Director along with the ladies who served as presidents during those years. Never a dark comment, always a lot of fun and laughter, and remembering some crazy event in whatever city we were in that year.

Mark and I also "trucked" during tournament weekends, as his primary employment was in the trucking industry and my previous employment was also in trucking. So, we trucked a lot of miles during those weekends of those 12 years.

Back in the day, as we say, the women's tournament had various themes and Mark created a photo prop known as "The Board" for the ladies to stand behind, or in some cases, use a varying pose. Mark's boards were always created to match the theme for the tournament, and included the city we were bowling in and the date. His photos are treasured by countless women across Iowa as a true memento of that unforgettable state tournament weekend!

New backdrops were added in recent years, along with "going digital", a huge change with on-site delivery instead of waiting for the photos to arrive in a week or two in the mail. A true sign of the times!

Photography service was always included during the annual meeting weekend, and still is. Somehow, Mark manages to get a photo of everyone in attendance, get all the award winners, and many casual shots during the social events, and the meeting.

Memories, we all have them, and treasure them. I'm sure Mark has more than most, and hopefully he'll share a favorite memory with this tonight.

Traveling from his home to the tournament site every weekend from 1974 through 2021 is a lot of miles, a lot of time, and a tremendous amount of dedication.

Please join us as we honor and thank Mark Meier for his dedication, his work, and his friendship, in service to the bowling tournaments and associations in Iowa.

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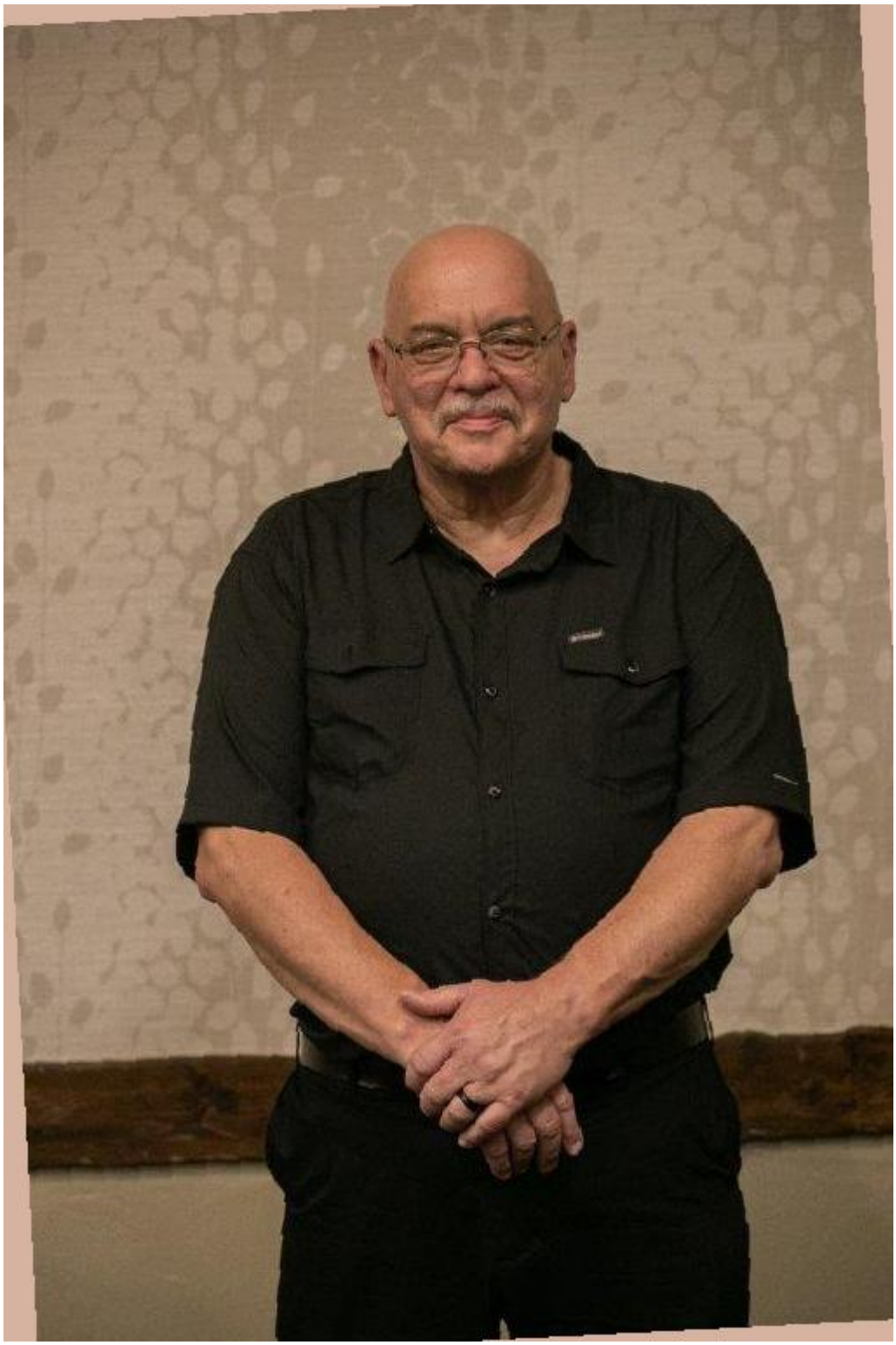
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