



Frederick "Fritz" Griffin

2013

Frederick (Fritz) Griffin was an avid supporter of the sport of bowling. He bowled for over 50 years, mostly in Elkhart. He held many varied league officer positions. Fritz personally sponsored bowling teams in many leagues with names such as Ken Clean and Fritz's Girls. He participated in local, state and national tournaments. For the last 30 years of his life, Fritz worked the counter at Rainbo Lanes and also helped maintain the equipment.

Fritz was a past president of the Elkhart Men's Bowling Association. He coached Junior Bowling for many years and could often be seen helping adult bowlers with their game as well. He helped bring the High School Bowling program to Elkhart, and was the first coach of the Elkhart Central High School team.

Fritz's bowling legacy extends to his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. His grandson carried the love of the sport with him to Japan and his great grandson began his bowling career at age 3.

While Fritz was not a high scoring bowler, he loved the sport right up until he passed away. At the nursing home where he lived out his last days he could be found "manning the counter" for the nurses!