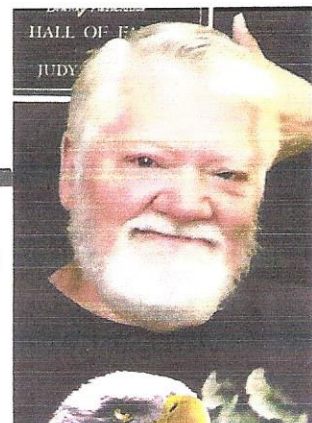


2011

Richard "Dick" Jessup



Dick started bowling way back in 1953 at the old YMCA in downtown Elkhart having to set up their own pins just to bowl a game. He also bowled downtown at the old Red Crown Bowling Lanes until the lanes burned down. He eventually ended up bowling out at Country Club Lanes where he became good friends with Justy Gard. He bowled with Justy's sons, Steve and Lou Gard, both of which are Elkhart City Hall of Fame members along with their dad. Lou went on to become a professional bowler.

He has also bowled leagues in the old Rainbo classic and the 3-man classic which started at Parkmor lanes then moved to Country Club in 1969.

Dick worked at Oakland Lanes as a mechanic from 1972 through 1984. In 1956 Dick won the City Tournament scratch doubles title with his Dad.

Dick for years back in the 60's & 70's used to travel the State of Indiana bowling in the old Hoosier All Stars which highlighted a lot of the state's premier bowlers with the likes of Don McCune, Kokomo's own Don Johnson and many other professional touring bowlers.

Richard also used to participate in the monthly sweepers they used to have over in South Bend at the PNA Club which featured most of the areas best keglers from South Bend, Mishawaka, Elkhart, Goshen and even southern Michigan.

He bowled in the tough Friday night Parkway Classic which featured the top 60 Highest average bowlers in the area. He bowled with Jerry Healey Sr., and the Duncan boys, Ron, Barry & Ralph and Pete Rice.

He has bowled in numerous City and State Tournaments and has even bowled in the Grueling 20-game Waukegon open and numerous Peterson Classics.

His biggest thrill in bowling was bowling in the Professional tournament which was being held at Chippewa lanes in South Bend with Mark Roth & Dick Weber.

The last year he bowled competitively was 1984. He had numerous 700 series and one 299 game. His highest average was 199 in Elkhart and 203 in Mishawaka.