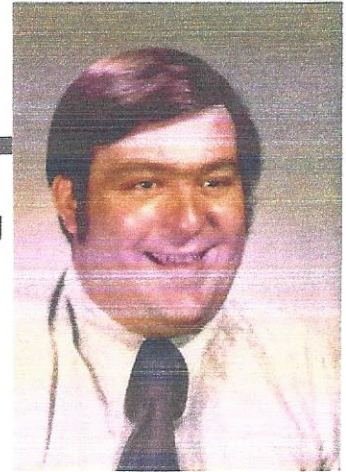


2011

Doug Ruess



Doug started bowling in Kalamazoo, Michigan during elementary school. His mother says he was going to do track or bowling and decided after one track practice bowling was easier. Doug's Mom Eunice was asked to coach at Country Club Lanes by Justy Gard so Doug bowled there. When Rainbo was built, it was closer to their home, so he changed to Junior bowling at Rainbo. Doug was a part of the group that bowled in the first AJBC State tournament held in South Bend.

Doug was a big part of the Marion Veterans Hospital group where once a year Members of the Elkhart Bowling Association would take several Members down to the Hospital and spend the whole day interacting with the patients by bowling, playing pool, ping-pong, cards games, etc..

He was a Member of the Elkhart Men's Bowling Association for several years working his way through all the Vice Presidents Chairs to become President in the 1979-1980 season. Doug has held all league positions (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) at various times in his career.

Doug's other accomplishments are: Numerous City, State & The National Tournament 3-times.

Doug bowled in the Mr. & Mrs. Eagles State Tournament from 1977-1981 and won the Doubles with his wife Jane in 1978. They also bowled in the Eagles National Tournament from 1973-79. Eagles Men's State Tournament from 1976-1981 and also competed in the International Eagles Tournament in 1977.

He has participated in numerous Peterson Classics and Bluffton Classics tournaments.

Doug also qualified twice for the annual Truth Roll off.

Doug's highest average of his career is 198 with numerous 700-series and a high game of 299.