

Lawrence Wilbur George

Meritorious Service



Lawrence Wilbur George began to bowl Tenpins in 1969. He formed the Friday Night Transportation League and in three weeks he had a 12 team league. He enlisted car dealers and businessmen to sponsor each of the teams and got shirts for the whole league. It later went to 16 teams. The league was active for 16 years before disbanding.

A high game of 269 and series of 700 and 733 are highlights of Wilbur's bowling accomplishments as well as a high average of 189 and 190. For many years, Wilbur bowled in three leagues the Inter Church League, Men's Industrial League and the White Oak Men's and CSX League.

Wilbur has served as Director of the Western Maryland Bowling Association for 11 years; First Vice President for 9 years, and President for 4 years. He served as Publicity Chairman for 8 years and was voted Director of the Year for Western Maryland several times. He was chairman of the Local Annual Awards Banquet and Dance many times.

He has served as a State Delegate for 11 years; Second Vice President of the Maryland State Bowling Association for 2 years, President for 5 years and was voted a life Member in 1996.

Wilbur served as Chairman of the Maryland State Jamboree each time it has been held in Western Maryland since 1975. He was also scorekeeper chairman during State Tournaments held in Western Maryland.

He helped to form the Maryland State Joint Senior's Tournament and has supported the tournament by arranging bus trips from Western Maryland to the tournament for the last 6 years.

While President of the MSBA, he attended Cecil-Harford Hall of Fame Ceremony in 1993, the Salisbury Awards Banquet in 1993 and 1994; the Central Maryland Awards Banquet in Hagerstown in 1993. He presented checks on behalf of the MSBA on 3 occasions from the BVL to Fort Howard V.A. Hospital in Baltimore.

He was instrumental while President, in getting the Maryland State Hall of Fame started in 1994. He also promoted, worked and bowled in the Maryland State Games when it was held in Frostburg in 1990.

Promoting and supporting youth bowling is another facet of Wilbur's work in the organizational end of our sport. As President of MSBA he traveled to Crofton in 1990, Westminster in 1991, Baltimore in 1992, Ocean City in 1993 and Keyser, WV in 1994 to attend the Maryland State YABA Awards Ceremony. Wilbur has also served as the State YABA Nominating Chairman. He attended the Maryland Tenpin Bowling Council meeting in 1992 and was elected vice-president in 1993 and is still serving in that capacity.

In 1943 Wilbur entered the 295th Combat Engineer Battalion of the U.S. Army. He left the Army in 1945 as a Staff Sgt. after receiving numerous medals for fighting in 5 campaigns.

Wilbur is the oldest child of Paul and Agnes George and has two brothers, Paul and Foster George of Cumberland and two sisters, Ruth LaVerne Mathews of Cumberland and Rita Luther of Clifton Forge, Virginia.

Wilbur George and Eleanor McCusker of Little Orleans, MD were married for 34 years until her death in 1981. Together they had one daughter, Nancy D. McKemey and her husband Jim of Cumberland and two granddaughters, Kathy and Lisa McKenney.

American Auto Products Co. of Pittsburgh was Wilbur's place of employment where he worked as Auto Parts Salesman for over 25 years. He was the only salesman to sell over a million dollars in parts in the 50 years that the company has been in business.

He retired in 1993 from American Auto Products. Six months after retiring he went back part-time for the same company and is still working.