

Edwin James Reading

Meritorious Service



Edwin James Reading was born on July 30, 1927 in Ivyland, Pennsylvania the youngest of three sons of Harold and Edith Reading. His brother Horace is a retired minister living in Ooltewah, Tennessee. Wesley is deceased.

Ed graduated from Columbia Union College in Tacoma Park, Maryland, in 1949 and entered the ministry in Virginia. Following graduate studies in 1956 - 1960 when he obtained his M.A. and B.D. degrees. He became the head of the Bible department at Auburn Academy, near Seattle, Washington. He left the ministry in 1962, returning to Maryland and entered

the insurance business from which he retired in 1991. He still serves as chairman of the insurance committee for the City of Frederick.

His first encounter with and introduction to bowling was at age 14 when he set pins for a year or two in a new bowling house several miles from home. After that, he only bowled occasionally until 1966 when he joined a men's league in Hagerstown, Maryland and has continued in league bowling to this day.

His team won the Central Maryland B.A. tournament in 1969, 1972 and 1981. His one personal bowling triumph was in 1973 when he won the singles handicap division and was a co-winner in the singles scratch division of the Central Maryland B.A.

In 1968, he became a director of the Central Maryland B. A. moving on to its presidency in 1971 and life membership in 1972. He is still an active member of CMBA.

His participation with the state association began when he served as a delegate from 1970 - 1974, then as a director from 1974 - 1978, as a 2nd Vice President in 1978 and Secretary-Treasurer in 1979 to the present. As Secretary-Treasurer, he has represented the state association at the American Bowling Congress convention each year since 1980.

During these years he has served on many committees including those that created the Maryland Tenpin Bowling Council in 1981 and our state's Hall of Fame in 1994. For many years he was a member of the board of the Maryland Tenpin Bowling Council and also the Maryland State Young American Bowling Alliance.

Ed has two children from his former marriage, Karen Myers of Smithsburg, MD and James E. Reading of Newnan, Georgia. He has one granddaughter, Danielle Frye of Falling Waters, West Virginia. He resides in Frederick with his best friend and companion, Avis Linton. He continues to bowl in a senior league, The Golden Oldies.

It is with great honor that the Maryland State Bowling Association selects Edwin James Reading as an inductee in the Meritorious Service Category of the Maryland State Bowling Association Hall of Fame.