

Judith Martinsen

Meritorious Service



Judy was born in Wyandotte MI on December 27, 1947, the oldest of 4 children. She grew up in Lincoln Park MI and graduated from Lincoln Park high school. In 1964, she got married and began working for the railroad. During that time she became the mother of 2 children; Michael and Jennifer. Shortly thereafter, Judy and her family moved to Maryland where she became a stay at home mom. In 1984, her third child Nicole was born.

In 1987, she took a special liking to youth leagues and began volunteering for them in the Glen Burnie, Pasadena area. As the area grew, she became one of the coaches and was instrumental in establishing the Western Chesapeake Bay Association. Serving as a Director, she was

involved in organizing many of the numerous local tournaments.

In 1998, Judy was diagnosed with COPD. While most people would have stopped, Judy moved forward. She continued to work in organizing youth leagues by this time at Annapolis Bowl. Around 2002, Judy became active in the MD State YABA Association. Starting out on the Pepsi/Coke committee and moving on to the Maryland state championship tournament. When Meri Mallette decided to retire from the Maryland State Youth Association, Judy became the backbone of the Maryland State Youth Association.

During her time on the Maryland State Youth Association, Judy would serve as the Tournament Director. When she was not the tournament director, she was there to assist. Judy was a fixture at all the tournaments. Driving to centers around the state dragging her oxygen tanks behind her, spending most of her time processing the entries for the State Championship and Pepsi. She would spend hours on the phone calling around the state to fill vacancies on teams, confirming times and dates, averages and birthdates. When the tournaments were done she would turn her focus to the trophies, banquets, and scholarship funding. Anyone who has ever run a Youth tournament knows the endless hours to put on a successful event.

Judy was a member of the state merged committee in 2005 along with Gerry Anderson, Richard Bush, and Meri Mellette. Their main concern was that we still continue to serve the youth bowlers of Maryland the same way the Maryland State Youth Association did. The MDUSBC Association continues today to service the youth bowlers based off the recommendation of the old MD State Youth Association.

Judy served on the Maryland State USBC Board as a director. She was also a member of the youth committee. It was Judy and Gerry Anderson's recommendation that we established the Maryland Youth Stars of Tomorrow. Judy continued to serve as the Pepsi State Tournament Director and the Youth Championship Director. Even at the time of her death in 2012, Judy worked to the last minute putting the finishing touches on that year's Championship tournament.

Judy has made many friends over the years in the bowling "family" and she sincerely appreciated their thoughtfulness and caring. Bowling helped to keep her going in the bad times. It was definitely a large part of her life and she valued those friendships and memories.

For over 25 years, Judy was involved with one of her most favorite pastimes--at the bowling center with "her kids".

For her many years of service and dedication to the Maryland State USBC Association youth bowlers, the Maryland State USBC Association is proud to induct Judy Martinsen into their Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service.