

"Meritorious Service"



Ruth Walker was born in Baltimore City on November 28, 1933. She moved to the Baltimore suburbs as a young child and lived there until 1953 when she married the love of her life, Gordon, to whom she has been married for fifty-one years. Ruth has been blessed with five children, Gordon, Jr. (Bunk) born 11/9/54, Christina Ann born 4/24/56, Teresa Ann born 9/6/57, Mark Steven born 9/24/59 and Joseph Davis (Dave) born 4/15/61.

Ruth has always been interested in bowling. She remembers setting pins at a bowling house as a young girl and started league bowling when she was sixteen years old. Ruth started as a duck pin bowler and progressed to ten pins when she moved to Harford County in 1963.

At one time, she was bowling duck pins on Wednesday mornings and ten pins on Thursday nights.

Ruth started bowling tournaments in 1972 and has participated in every HCWBA tournament she was physically able to. She has competed in the Nationals for thirteen years and hopes to make it to twenty-five years. She has very much enjoyed the chance to travel to these tournaments with her husband, seeing new parts of the country, meeting new people and enjoying the close friendship of her teammates.

Ruth became a member of the Harford County Women's Bowling Association's Board of Directors in 1992 and has served on many, many committees. She never realized how much work or time the directors gave to the organization until she became a director herself. But Ruth was always available to do whatever was asked of her and she did it with immense enthusiasm and grace.

In 1996, Ruth was asked to chair the "Neighbors in Need" committee. This project affected her more than any other. She was always amazed at the outpouring of donations, both monetary and in food, clothing, etc. from the bowling community. She was always able to provide for the families the HCWBA obtained from Social Services and would have extra to donate to other needy families she found through church organizations and by word of mouth through other bowlers. She is quick to say that serving on this committee has made her a better person. These experiences led Ruth to seek more education in her faith. She became a pastoral care giver at Union Hospital in Elkton and became a Certified Lay Speaker in her church.

Ruth recently relocated to Florida with her husband and quickly joined a league in her area. Although she left behind both her immediate family and her "bowling family," she takes with her many wonderful memories from her years of bowling and especially from her years served on the HCWBA Board of Directors.

The Harford County Women's Bowling Association, Inc. is proud to induct Ruth into their Hall of Fame in the category of Meritorious Service.