

"Meritorious Service"



Helen Widdoes was born in Chelyan, West Virginia, to Cecil and Ruby Davis, who were the proud parents of twelve children. Helen graduated from Seth High School with honors. Helens first employment was with E. I. DuPont Company in Charleston, West Virginia. After her school friend was killed in Germany, Helen took a Civil Service Test and was on her way to Elkton with some of her school friends, working at Bainbridge Naval Training Center until it closed and with Triumph Explosives in Elkton. She then started her long career in the trucking business working for Elkton Trucking Company, as office manager until it closed. Helen then became Terminal Manager for Davidson

Transfer and Storage of Baltimore. She worked for them until they went out of business.

In 1948 Helen married her late husband Robert and raised two sons, Charles Carson and Gerald Kevin. Helen is also the proud grandmother of Carson Blake, Ashley Nicole, and recently newborn twins Jackson Ryan & Brooke Madison.

Helen began her bowling career in 1961 and became very active in the sport. Helen had a high game of 289 and high series of 709. She was a life member of WIBC and was elected to the BWBA Hall of Fame in 1995. Helen bowled in 30 National Tournaments across the country proudly taking her son along for "vacation". During a WIBC national in Las Vegas Helen detached a bicep ending her long bowling career.

Helen was the past president of the Cecil Harford YABA, Secretary-Treasurer of the Maryland 600 club and area tournament Director of the Maryland YABA Invitational Tournament. She was a charter member of the Maryland State WBA and was a Delegate to many State and Local Meetings.

Helen was a certified coach for the AJBC Youth program and the current Cecil Harford USBC Youth Association. Helen attended several Bowling Leadership Training Seminar and Workshops along with several National Youth Workshops. Helen attended several youth national tournaments proudly supporting her youth bowlers from Elk Lanes.

Helen was involved with numerous charitable organizations to include the Children's Cancer Foundation, Special Olympics, Cecil County Activity Center, Cecil County HELP Center, "Kids in Kollege" program, and many additional programs. She received numerous awards for her support throughout the years.

Helen was a member of the National Women's Bowling Writers, National 600 Club, Maryland 600 Club and Les Dames de 700 Bowling Club. Helen was also a very active member of the Singerly Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary.

After "retirement" in 1984, Helen wanted to get into the bowling business. She organized and purchased Cecil Lanes with family and friends. She was the Secretary-Treasurer of the Corporation and Manager of 32 lane house. Even at age 83, Helen continued to work seven days a week until her death on Christmas Day 2008 (20 days short of seeing her newest twin grandchildren).

As a manager of Elk Lanes, Helen was a gracious host whenever the CHUSBC Youth and CHUSBC BA hosted a tournament at Elk Lanes. Elk Lanes hosted several state and local youth and adults tournaments.

For her many years of service and dedication to the Cecil Harford Youth and Adult Bowlers, the Cecil Harford USBC Bowling Association is proud to induct Helen L. Widdoes in to their Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service.