

DOROTHY CROOM

Women's Veteran Service – 2006



Dorothy Croom who is 89 years young and has been a sanctioned bowler for 46 years started bowling at the old Bowlarena Lanes in 1955. Leadership, Dedication, Personality are the characteristics listed on her nomination form. She always thought of others before herself. She began in the Koffee Kup league which was the finest housewives morning league around. She instantly became the leagues Secretary and has been a league officer all of her bowling years. When Bowlarena closed, Dorothy moved over to 66 Bowl with the Koffee Kups and immediately was elected President of the league and held that position for over 30 years until knee surgery in 2001. Her dedication to bowling and her responsibilities very seldom caused Dorothy to miss a week of bowling. She was a hands on President that presided at all the league meetings, making sure rules were followed. Dorothy was an above average bowler at the time averaging 160+ (remember this was in the 50's & 60's). She bowled her first 600 Series in the Koffee Kup league in 1962 with a 229 Game and 616 Series. From the many endorsements for her candidacy there were two that stand out – Mickey Heare and Peggy & Jim Haynes. They wrote: "Dorothy was dedicated bowler who loved the game of bowling and the people that bowled. She carried on her duties as President with respect for all bowlers. She supported the game of bowling in many different ways, bowling in leagues, tournaments and serving the league helping bowlers. It is with this leadership quality the Oklahoma City Bowling Council is proud to induct Dorothy Croom into its Hall of Fame.