

JEAN & JOHN FREEMAN

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Jean & John Freeman met and married in Amarillo, Texas while working for GMAC and bowling in a company league. They married in 1957 and moved to Oklahoma City in 1958. John started in business by opening a liquor store and Jean starting having kids: John Jr. in 1958, David in 1960 and Brett in 1962. Jean loved the game of bowling so began bowling again and soon began helping with the youth program at 66 Bowl. John Freeman bought controlling interest in Holiday Lanes in 1960 and left the management in the capable hands of Pinky McCan., who Jean worked under in 1965 with the youth. Jean never turned away any children whether they could pay or not. When Pinky retired in 1977, John took over management of Holiday Lanes. The boys, now teenagers began working at the center. Holiday Lanes took on the true family atmosphere making everyone feel welcome. Holiday Lanes had mixed leagues before mixed leagues were fashionable. Families bowled in Sweepers, Scotch Doubles, 3-6-9 Tournaments and good ole True Value Stamps. Tournaments soon came to Holiday: OKC Men's, OKC Women's, Senior All Star, Champion of Champions, local and state Youth tournaments. John was a member of the OKC Bowling Council in 1978 when the first Hall of Fame induction took place and was an integral part of the Honor Roll Tournament. In 1983, John served on the State Board of Directors for the OKC Bowling Proprietors Association while Jean was its YABA Representative. It is with their work ethics, their strong bond of friendship and a love of family in making the Center successful is why the Oklahoma City Bowling Council is extremely proud to induct Jean and John Freeman into its Hall of Fame.