

## JACK JAMES

### Men's Service – 1987



Jack began his association with the bowling industry in 1951 at Vance Air Force Base Bowling Lanes as a night manager. He later became co-owner of Sunny Lanes, then Edmond Lanes, currently the proprietor of Hilander Bowling Palace in Oklahoma City and 3 Flags Over Norman. He has been a member of the Oklahoma City Bowling Proprietors Association for 26 years and has served as a Director for the City Association for 24 years. Jack has served as President for 2 years and Vice-President for 2 years. He has been a member of the Oklahoma State Bowling Proprietors Association for 26 years, serving on all committees, Vice-President for 2 years and President for 3 years, the executive board for 24 years. Having been a member of Bowling Proprietors Association of America for 26 years, he has been a National Director for 21 of those years, and serving or chairing all committees. Jack has been responsible for bringing Professional Bowling to Oklahoma City. In 1965, he hosted the Oklahoma City Coca Cola Open. Again in 1967, he co-chaired the Coca Cola Open at Sunny Lanes. In 1971, he hosted the Merury Open at Hilander and in 1973, Hilander hosted the Professional Bowlers Tournament of Champions. Jack worked with the committee responsible for bringing the 1976 ABC Tournament to Oklahoma City. He has worked long and hard for bowling in Oklahoma City and we proudly induct John "Jack" James III into the Oklahoma City Bowling Hall of Fame for Male Service.