

WIL McDANIEL

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William Arthur McDaniel has been described as Smooth, Quiet, Classy Gentleman, always with a smile on his face and one hell of a bowler. He was a very competitive bowler but no brag, just fact as he went about his business and kept quiet. Wil got his start in 1973 at the old Bryant Center Lanes. After only 3 years and under the watchful eye of Big "D" (Harold Denson), Wil cracked the "Top 20" average in OKC. His 189 average was 12th in 1976-77 season and 198 average in 1978-79 was 14th. In 1980, Wil started consistently having averages over 200 in league play and was First in OKC for 1986-87 with a 224 average. Wil was in the "Top 20" averages 15 different years and from 1980 thru 1993 had 24 consecutive league averages over 200. He was a money bowler ---whether doubling his weekly paycheck at the Holiday Lanes Casino Color Pin Bowling on Saturday nights or weekend Sweepers, he made quite a living on jackpots and side bets. Wil was also a tournament bowler traveling throughout the State and to Cincinnati for the Honkie Classic, with stops along the way. Wil won an eliminator tournament in Wichita and Doubles in the Miller Lite Classic in Muskogee. He has bowled Fifteen 300 Games including 6 in one year (1986-87), Six 800 Series with a High of 826. He's only had One 298 Game and Three 299 Games because he usually finished off the game with a strike! Wil hasn't bowled competitively since 1993. He is a Transmission Specialist for United Engines as their main instructor and is required to travel extensively for the company. Because as they all say, he was one hell of a bowler, the OKC Bowling Council proudly inducts Wil McDaniel into its Hall of Fame.