

LUTHER HOLMAN

Men's Service – 1983



7/23/1917 – 9/13/2001

Luther Holman was born in Williston, Tennessee about 35 miles east of Memphis but came to Midwest City in 1948, after he proudly served his country in WWII. He worked with his brother-in-law building homes and developed several additions. He left the home industry and became President and owner of Planet Bowling Center on August 26, 1960. Luther was a sanctioned bowler for 21 years. Planet hosted the 1st Pro Tour in Oklahoma in 1963. In 1968 he organized the first group advertising program in the US for the Oklahoma City Bowling Proprietors for a total cost of \$4,890.00 (with Maury Ferguson). He was President of the OKC BPA for 1.5 terms in 1969. He served as Vice-President numerous times. He chaired tournament committee for City BPA for 12 years and State BPA for 12 years. He helped Ed Shuba organize the OKC Bowling Council in 1974. He worked with the All Sports Association in getting the ABC Tournament in OKC in 1976. As tournament manager he promoted the Tournament of Champions from 200 entries statewide to an increase of over 1700 statewide, making it the largest tournament in the State of Oklahoma. He convinced Governor George Nigh to proclaim the first week in September as "Bowling Week" in 1981. Luther served and serviced the bowlers and proprietors and the industry without regard to his time invested and for those reasons, the Oklahoma City Bowling Council proudly inducts Luther Holman into its Hall of Fame.