

MICHAEL (MIKE) NELMS

Men's Service - 2017



Mike Nelms, 65, Proprietor of Meridian Lanes which opened in 1960 was brought into the family business in 1980 at the age of 28. The Nelms family purchased Meridian Lanes in August 1979. The center has had a family business atmosphere ever since. Mike, being the hands-on proprietor can usually be spotted behind the counter greeting bowlers by name as they come to bowl. He has been a long time member of the OKC Bowling Centers Association serving as President, Treasurer, Youth Chairman and all committees at one time or another. He was the OKC Associations' Rep to the State Association and served on its Board. As a member of the OKBCA, Mike supported and promoted the Junior Scratch Classic Tournament each month, the OKCBA Youth Scholarship program and the State's BCA Grand Prix Scholarship program. Through these programs, Meridian Lanes has awarded over \$30,000. Currently the awards are over \$3,000 annually. Mike was active in the beginnings of the OKC League Tournament of Champions where Teams in each league in the Association competed to be OKC Champion. When High School Bowling began in the State, Mike paid center fee in support without having a team involved. Meridian has consistently been a league originated center and has had the most leagues and bowlers in the Great OKC area for years. For his innovative approach, friendly family atmosphere, and youth support the Oklahoma City Bowling Hall of Fame is proud to induct Mike Nelms into its Hall of Fame.