## **CHARLES SAULSBERRY**

## Men's Service – Charter Member 1978



5/21/1908 – 4/25/1998

Born in Alamogordo, New Mexico, Charles spent 52 years in the Oklahoma City area and 31 years as a sanctioned bowler and most active from 1926-1940. He organized the Oklahoma City Times Men's Singles Classic in 1933 and then the Oklahoma City Times Women's Singles Classic in 1940 and both tournaments are still running. He helped organize and was the First President of the OKC Major Classic Traveling League in 1940. Charles was elected as the First President of Mersfelders 700 Club (organized in 1938). Perhaps his greatest gift to Oklahoma City bowling was his writing ability. He was a bowling writer for the Tulsa World (1925-1926), Daily Oklahoman (1926-1929) and Oklahoma City Times (1929-1940). His promotional activity and editorship was invaluable to the success of the early leagues in the 30's as well as the WIBC Tournament and the Oklahoman & Times Singles Classic for both sexes. Charles had a high average of 186, game of 289 and series of 710. He was Singles Champion in the Southwest Tournament of 1938 and still bowls in the Civic League at 66 Bowl. For his valued promotion of the sport he loves, the Oklahoma City Bowling Council proudly inducts Charles Saulsberry into its Oklahoma City Bowling Hall of Fame.