

LEE (RED) MARTIN DORAN (1915-1974)

RED WAS A LONG TIME BOWLER IN THE WICHITA FALLS AND PASADENA AREAS. HIS SIGNATURE APPEARS AS AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON THE CHARTER OF THE PASADENA BOWLING ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED SEPTEMBER 8, 1947. MANY NOTABLES IN THE PASADENA AREA WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN ORGANIZING THIS ASSOCIATION.

RED BOWLED IN THE INDUSTRIAL AND CLASSIC LEAGUES, CARRIED AVERAGES IN THE HIGH 180S. HE HELPED ORGANIZE SEVERAL LEAGUES AND ASSISTED ANYONE WHEN ASKED TO HELP BETTER HIS GAME. HE ENJOYED WATCHING THE WOMEN BOWL IN THEIR CITY TOURNAMENTS AND EVEN HAD A TITLE OF "BLUEBIRD OF HAPPINESS" IN SOME INSTANCES.

BOBBIE CHAMBLEE SAYS SHE ENJOYED HAVING HIM GIVE HER SOME "POINTERS" ON IMPROVING HER GAME. RED MARRIED MARTHA ON OCTOBER 7, 1947. THEY HAD THREE CHILDREN, LELAND, MARILYN AND CAROLYN (TWINS). RED SERVED AS A STAFF SERGEANT IN WORLD WAR II IN THE AIR FORCE AND FLEW SEVERAL MISSIONS OVER GERMANY.

RED'S FATHER DIED WHEN HE WAS ONLY EIGHT YEARS OLD, LEAVING HIM WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF HELPING HIS MOTHER MAKE THE LIVING FOR THE FAMILY. RED WAS LOVED AND ADMIRER BY MANY BOWLERS, WAS A TREMENDOUS ASSET TO THE GAME FOR MANY YEARS.

HE PASSED ON TO ANOTHER LIFE ON JULY 10, 1974, IS GREATLY MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND ESPECIALLY ALL THE BOWLERS WHO HAD THE PLEASURE OF BOWLING WITH OR AGAINST HIM.

HE TRULY WAS A COMPETITOR AND LOVED THE GAME. HE ACCOMPLISHED A HIGH GAME OF 299 BUT HIGH SERIES AND OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION ARE NOT AVAILABLE. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED BY MANY IN AND OUT OF THE SPORT OF BOWLING AS A TRUE GENTLEMAN.



