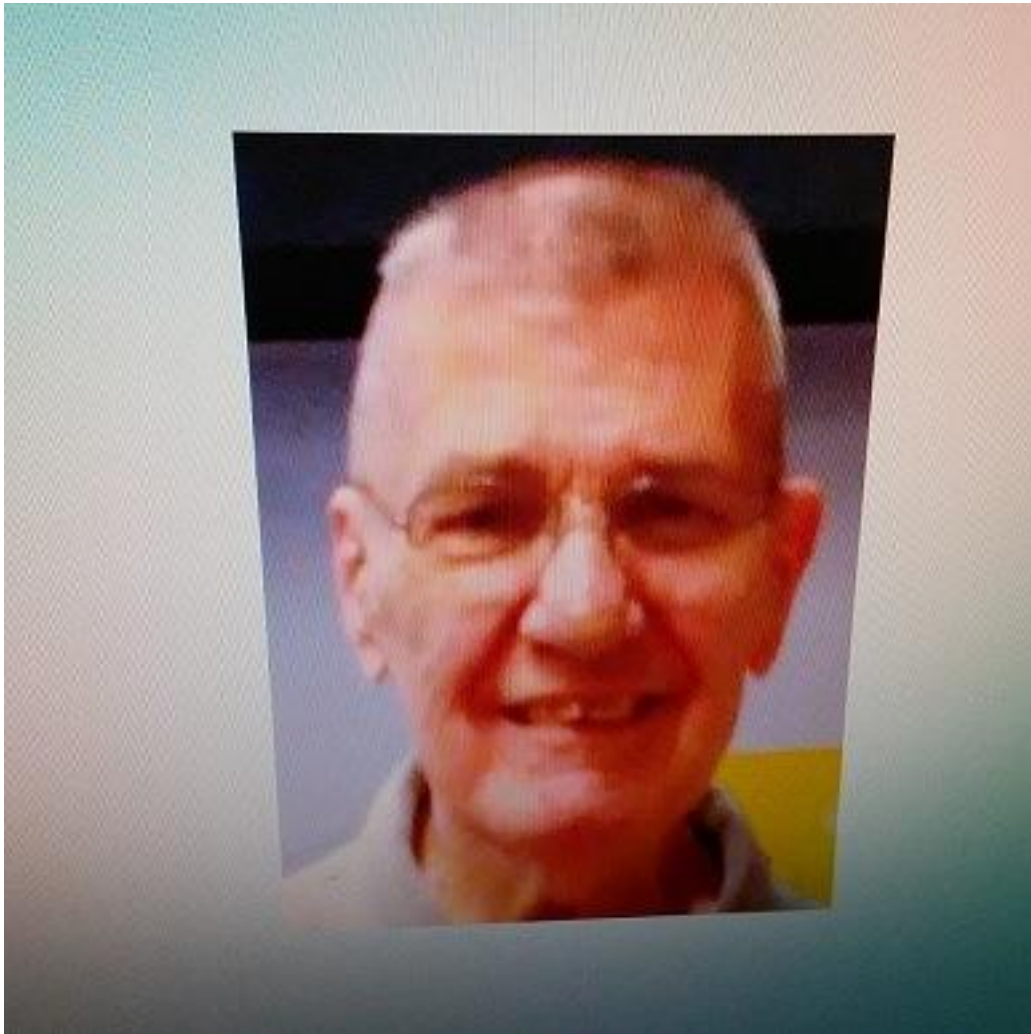


Omaha Bowling Association

Congratulations to Joseph Bloemer- induced to the Bowling Hall of Fame in the Omaha area.



Hall of Fame

Joseph Bloemer: About to celebrate his 84th birthday, Joseph has been a sanctioned bowler for over 65 years in the Omaha Association and still bowls twice a week in Senior Leagues. Joseph was a member of many league champion teams, among them a title in the Chamber of Commerce League at Sky Lanes in the 1980-1981 season. **This was the first time in Nebraska history an all-deaf team had won a championship. The team repeated its championship for a second year the next season.** He was the Omaha World Herald's "Man Bowler of the Year" in 1956. His greatest contribution to the sport of bowling was chair manning of the Omaha Deaf Tournament each year from 1960-1963. He also competed in the Regional Tournament for the Deaf in Omaha, Lincoln, St. Louis, and Kansas City, Minnesota, South Dakota, and Council Bluffs among a field of approximately 70 bowlers. Joseph bowled in the World Deaf Championship of the National Deaf Bowling Association in Las Vegas in 1969. For his lifetime of support for the game of bowling in Omaha, Joseph is selected to the Hall of Fame.