



Gayle Lane

North Central Texas Hall of Fame

Sometimes, in the best of worlds, a favorite pastime also becomes a career! So it was when Gayle Layne chose something she loved doing, then proceeded to dedicate fifty years to the activity, the discipline, and the sport of bowling. In the beginning, it was all about family. And the beautiful thing about bowling is, one doesn't have to wait long to get on board. One doesn't have to be a certain height, or a certain age, or meet a certain qualification. What you may need is a mother, a father, a sister, an aunt and uncle; that is exactly what Gayle had. With any of those family members, or even a friend, Gayle would surely be on her way. She was discovering a passion. As it was, she had a large support group encouraging her not only to excel, but to enjoy the world of bowling.

She and her family bowled many leagues together at Ridglea Bowl. Her first career position found her at Meadow Brook Lanes under the guidance of Bill Harris and Bill Covington. It was her privilege and her task to solicit women to join her in a learning experience which would come under Harris' direction and expertise. For 17 years she stayed, she played and she served until Meadow Brook closed and she accompanied her mentors to Don Carter Beach. Her continued tenure would eventually take her to Showplace Eules where she worked in the sales office and her final destination was AMF Hurst Bowl. Because she could do it all, she did! Perhaps a "jack-of-all-trades". When the Hurst location closed in 2012, Gayle chose to take her retirement.

In the span of 50 years, Gayle was many things and make no mistake, she was an accomplished bowler. Gayle bowled in numerous city and state tournaments. She punctuates one particular date – July 7, 1977 – when she bowled a 770 series. She holds many awards for her games and high series throughout her career. She has been recognized by both the Fort Worth Women's Bowling Association and the Texas State women's Association for her bowling excellence.

Gayle, you are a gift to bowlers...past, present, and future. It is through individuals such as yourself, who have enhanced what all of us love, as it passes to new generations. Today, we applaud you for your friendship and your devotion. Your dedicated efforts deeply touch us. Gayle Layne, congratulations on a beautiful career as you are welcomed into North Central Texas USBC Hall of Fame.