



Jim Sapey

North Central Texas Hall of Fame

James "Jim" Sapey is a man who truly loves bowling. If it's sometime after lunch and before dinner, you can bank on Jim being at the lanes dutifully working on his game.

While he retired from Coca-Cola Enterprises many years ago, that may have only been so he could do what he truly loves, bowling!

Jim started bowling at the age of 15, he was first introduced to it by his father, Harry Sapey, at the age of 9. Harry was quite the bowler himself, and it didn't take long for Jim to be bitten by the bowling bug. He rolled his first 300 game in 1959 in the house where he first learned to bowl, the now-closed S&T lanes in downtown Fort Worth. Jim was even blessed to meet the love of his life, Louise, through bowling.

Jim has spent his whole life in Fort Worth, graduating from Arlington Heights in 1948, and then from TCU in 1952. Watching TCU athletics and Heights football games is his second passion to bowling and you can bet that if he isn't at the lanes, that's because there's a game at TCU and Jim is there cheering the Frogs on.

Through Jim's long career, he's amassed twelve 300s and has a high series of 804. While he's had higher averages, he is most proud of his 199 average that he held in the early 1960's. As he likes to point out, this was a very different era for scoring, and he was one of the top bowlers in the area.

Jim has seen many changes to the bowling scene during his time, but one thing that has never changed is his passion for the sport. He has always been a huge supporter of youth bowling and likes to tell people that one of the keys to his excellent health is that bowling has kept him active. There must be something to the wellness aspect, as Jim continues to make his way to the lanes every day and carry an average in the 190s, even in his late 80s.