

\* Jerry L Bailey  
Dodge City  
KSBA Hall of Fame  
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Jerry grew up in Hutchinson Kansas and graduated from Hutchinson High School in 1956. He then went to serve in the United States Marine Corps from 1957 to 1960. He moved to Dodge City in 1962 and began working for the U.S. Postal service in 1963, after 30 years of dedicated service he retired in 1993.

Jerry began bowling in 1972 at the age of 34 and was awarded a belt buckle for the Most Improved Average Award that season and thus began his long and enjoyable bowling career. As a very dedicated bowler Jerry has participated in every city tournament from 1973 to 2003 except for 1979 and every state tournament from 1975 to 2003 except for 1982 when he went to Oregon to attend his daughter's wedding.

He was elected Vice President of the Dodge City BA from 1984-1990 and earned the honor of Director of the Year in 1984. Jerry was then elected President of the association from 1990 to 1999 and served as President of the National Bowling League from 1986 to 1992. Jerry also served as the 89<sup>th</sup> District Bowling Chairman for the American Legion for 1992-1997 and the State American Legion Bowling Board from 1992-1997.

Of all Jerry's accomplishments the YABA is closest to his heart. He was elected Vice President in 1984 and President in 1985, an office he filled for nine years. He was appointed to a committee to help the program to become better organized, a board of directors was appointed from ABC, WIBC, you bowlers and parents. A tournament was organized for the YABA, and Jerry raised funds to help defer the cost. He was able to convince adult bowlers to contribute funds as well as getting sponsorship from the American Legion and the VFW. He made sure that every child that wanted to participate was able to and was not left out due to financial reasons, each child who participated in the tournament received either a bowling towel or T-Shirt.