



James Charlton enters the Butler County Bowling Association Bowling Hall of Fame based on 46 years of meritorious service to organized bowling in Butler County.

The late James Charlton held various positions within the BCBA including serving as Vice President and member of the BCBA Board as well as President and Secretary of various leagues in the county.

As part of his service to bowling in the county, Charlton participated in six different leagues over his 60 years, organized intramural bowling at Mars High School (which later participated in the interscholastic league) and helped organize the squads for the Dutchman Tournament. He also started the Thursday Nighters bowling league where he was secretary, treasurer and teacher. This league was later renamed the Jim Charlton Memorial Men's League and is still going strong. Charlton was always willing to help anyone learn to bowl or show them how to improve their league.

In addition to his 46 years of service, Charlton was an accomplished bowler with a high average over 190, high games in the 290s and high series over 700. He was also a winner of the BCBA tournament and was an annual participant at Lilac, St. Clairsville, Honke, PSBA and ABC tournaments, for many of which he organized several teams.

Following his retirement as a school teacher, Charlton owned the Mars Beer Distributor. He offered unconditional help when Mars Lanes reopened and his business was an annual sponsor for the Mars Lanes Crazy 8's tournament for 20 years.

Charlton bowled every week, every year since he was a child. He is best remembered as a peaceful, kind gentleman who loved bowling and loved teaching bowling.