

## **Karen Roberts**

Karen (Riley Long) Roberts was born September 1, 1950 in Wharton, Texas to Terry W. and Nancy M. Riley. She has one sister, Leslie Ann Riley. Karen moved to Houston in 1952, went to Jessup Elementary, South Houston Junior High, Southmore Intermediate and graduated from South Houston High School in 1968.

Karen married Robert G. Long in August, 1969 and had one child, Sandra Jean Long on December 24, 1970. She married her second husband, Ray Roberts June 1, 1979.



Karen has worked as a Medical Secretary and Billing Clerk since 1969. She worked at Milby Clinic for 34 years and still works there part-time doing payroll and payables. She currently works for GI Specialists of Houston doing medical billing with her daughter Sandra J. Williams.

Karen's mother, Nancy M. Riley, an accomplished bowler herself (carried a 170-180 average in 1950-1960), started Karen bowling in the Bantam League at Mimosa Bowl in 1959. Karen advanced to the juniors under her coach Andy Koenning. Karen began bowling adult leagues at Mimosa Bowl in 1968 after graduation.

Karen was PWBA Association Secretary (1974-1978). She has been League Secretary for many leagues in the past.

Her bowling achievements include PWBA High Series in 1977 (672) and 1979 (623); PWBA High Average in 1974 (184), 1975 (182), 1976 (177), 1977 (176); PWBA City Champion in 1972-73, and 2007, PWBA Div 1 Doubles champion in 1972-73 and 2007. In 1985, she was TWBA 600 Club Div 1 Champion; received the Mary Bishop Award for high game (267) at the National 600 Club tournament in 1981. In 1986, she had high series in Houston WBA (757). Karen has bowled two 300 games (1993 and 2008), two 299 games (2006 and 2007) and has had three 11 strikes in a row awards (2002, 2003, and 2008).

She has maintained a 200+ average since 1980.

We are proud to welcome Karen Roberts as a member of the Pasadena Bowling Hall of Fame.