



Athlete Category

Joanne Walker Keefe

Long Sault, Ontario

Inducted: 1994

Joanne was the very first athlete inducted into the Canadian Tenpin Federation Hall of Fame.

She holds the honour of being one of two women to win the very first Gold Medals for Canada with doubles partner Cathy Townsend, at the American Zones Championships in Caracas, Venezuela in 1974.

Keeping on pace with setting records for first achievements, Joanne became the first woman in Canada to bowl an 800 series for (3) games.

Joanne is a long-time leader at local associations from youth director to president of the Montreal Association for two years. She set records by being the first woman to bowl in the men's leagues in Montreal, first woman to bowl a 700 series in Quebec and Watertown NY. For twelve years, 1990 to 2002 she was named to the All Association Team out of Port Huron.

Walker Keefe was a member of Team Canada from 1974 through to 1983 winning medals at several international venues. Joanne's friends have been quoted; "I'm still Joanne Walker Keefe's #1 fan. Arguably the best female bowler of the 20th century, and easily the best sportswoman I have ever known. You weren't hard to admire."