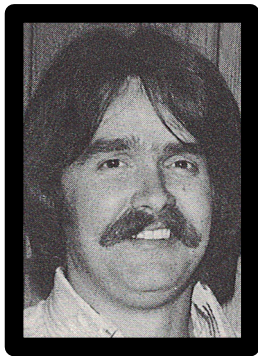


## RAY SHACKELFORD (1949-2022)



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Ray Shackelford

NCAUSBCA Hall of Fame member Ray Shackelford tragically died February 20 in an auto accident. He was 73. From the 1974-1975 to 1980-1981 seasons, he appeared in the association's "Top 10" rankings six times, including the No. 1 position in the 1977-1978 and 1979-1980 seasons. Shackelford, who competed on the PBA Tour in the early 1980s - and whose travel mate was a little-known bowler named Walter Ray Williams Jr. - gained attention in 1982 when he rolled three perfect games in the Roloids Open in Florissant, Mo., and the following year made nationally televised finals in [San Jose, Calif.](#), Houston (where he was runner-up to Bob Handley), and at the [Fair Lanes Open](#) at Woodlawn. His performances earned him a 1984 Tour exemption. He later opened Planet Fun, the first bowling center in Virginia that was alcohol and smoke-free and had great success with the company he and wife Sue founded, Golden Coin Amusements. He was a member of the Hall of Fame "Class of 1984."