

Lisa Doss - Superior Performance

When Lisa (Geske) Doss was six years old, she started bowling in a league at Miracle Lanes. The youth coach thought it would be a good idea to put her in bumpers. There was only one problem: Lisa hated the bumpers. The following year, on standard regulation lanes, Lisa bowled her first 200 game. That 200-game was the humble start of this Hall of Fame career.

By age twelve, Lisa was bowling in three youth leagues on Saturday. One was a youth travel league out of Grand Rapids. The travel league bent the rules a little for her participation. The age to bowl in the league was thirteen, but due to the need for a bowler and Lisa's abilities, she was granted permission to participate. Her parents, however, told her if she bowled in three leagues, she would have to pay for one. So she did. Lisa worked for the money to support her bowling habit. Lisa's youth career ran longer than they do today. The age limit was 21 years of age. Due to this fact, she could participate in more competitions, and she was able to qualify for Junior Gold. She had the opportunity to bowl in the tournament by winning a spot through the Michigan Junior Masters Association. Lisa went to Dallas, TX, to compete in the prestigious tournament.



When she joined the adult ranks, Lisa bowled in three leagues. She bowled in a few different centers around Grand Rapids, like Fairlanes, Northfield, and Comet. She bowled in tournaments with family. Lisa got a chance to bowl in the Michigan State Queens Tournament as a substitute. Her mom couldn't bowl that year, and she asked Lisa to take her spot. Her first Queens tournament was described by Lisa as a learning experience. And learn she did. Lisa would become an annual fixture in the Sunday Queens tournament competition. She cashed in ten consecutive Queens tournaments. A fierce competitor, Lisa has yet to capture the crown, but her performance on the lanes has been spectacular. At Northern Lanes in 2019, Lisa shot a 300 game and an 800 series during competition.

At the Michigan State Women's Championships, Lisa has been part of first-place teams, doubles, and singles. She won the Actual Singles Title in 2021 and the Actual All-Events Title in 2025. Lisa is the winner of more than 20 Greater Grand Rapids City Tournament titles. Lisa has 12+ 300 games and 12+ 800 series, with the highest being 854 shots at Park Center during the family bowling league. The series included a 300 game.

The Geske family likes to bowl, and they like to compete with each other and against each other. The Grand Rapids City Tournament has become an annual tradition, pitting the men against the women. For many years, members of the family were in the same league at Park Center. The next generation is now starting to join in, too.

This past year, Lisa added bowling coach to her resume. She became an assistant coach at Northview High School in Grand Rapids. Her son, Jack, is a freshman at Northview and a member of the bowling team.

Lisa, in her spare time, is a TSA officer, a position she has held for more than 10 years.

Lisa's fondest bowling memory is not a competition on the lanes. It was a chance encounter with a cute senior when she was a sophomore. He went to a different school, but they had mutual friends. Flash forward a couple of years, and the cute guy was bowling in the same league as her dad. Under the guise of watching her dad bowl, Lisa and the cute guy connected, and the rest is history. The cute guy's name is Ryan Doss.

For all your past accomplishments and all your future ones, Welcome to the Michigan State USBC Hall of Fame, Lisa.