

## **Bill Ludwig**

(1930 - 2016)

## **Amateur Champion and Board Member**

Born in St. Louis, **Bill Ludwig** was a standout golfer in High School, earning All-state honors in 1947. After college, he served in the U.S. Air Force (1951-1955). During his working years he moved frequently before settling down in Blue Springs in 1973.



Ludwig served on the Boards of Directors of the Kansas City Golf Association (1990-2012) and the Missouri Golf Association (1974-2008). He was a lead person in USGA course rating/slope in the Kansas City area and central Missouri for more than two decades.

As a player, Ludwig was a frequent name on top of leader boards in Missouri and Kansas City as well as in national events. He won the Missouri Senior Amateur in 1991, and the state Senior Fourball with partner Jim Round in 1995. In 1974 he defeated Missouri Amateur Champion Dale Kutz to win the Kansas City Match Play Championship.

In 1992, at the age of 64 he qualified for match play in the Missouri Amateur. He scored victories in the Phil Cotton Senior (1994) and was twice runner-up in the Dawson Invitational (1994, '95)

Ludwig qualified for the 1973 U.S. Open and four U.S. Senior Amateurs (1985, '86, '88, and '89). He played in the U.S. Senior Open in 1987 (Brooklawn, CT) and '88 (Medinah, IL).

In 2005, the Missouri House of Representatives passed Resolution #3995 recognizing Bill and Jacque Ludwig on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary and noting Bill's success as a golfer. He was inducted into the Missouri Golf Association Hall of Fame in 2008.