## Ruth Brown's Hall of Fame Presentation

What a 'Precious Moment'!!

It happened at Lakeland Florida on October 15, 2010 with many hugs, cheers, and tears. Ruth Brown got her 100<sup>th</sup> point to be eligible for induction into the Central District Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. She will have fond memories of the Lakeland courts as that was where she acquired her 200<sup>th</sup> point in the F.S.A. tournaments and was inducted into the Florida Shuffleboard Association Hall of Fame on January 17, 2011.

Ruth was born into a very loving family. She is one of 14 children, has a husband – Larry, 5 children, 11 grandchildren, and 8 great grandchildren. Now you know why she is such a caring, considerate, and compassionate person.

Ruth and Larry first came to Florida in 1988 and settled in Pioneer Creek R.V. Resort in Bowling Green. They must liked it there as they are still there to-day. They both got interested in shuffleboard and Ruth started playing in the Central District tournaments in 1992. She made 'Pro' status in March 1996. She enjoyed the sport so much that she started playing in the F.S.A. tournaments in 2002 and travels all over the state of Florida to do so. The price of gas was much cheaper back then.

Ruth became very competitive in the district tournaments and was in the 'Top 8' seven times – once as a District Amateur and six times as a 'Pro'. She has won the Pro Masters 2 times. Well done Ruth!!!

Ruth not only plays shuffleboard, she promotes the sport in her home park, was secretary of Central District for 2 years, and has helped organize the Hall of Fame Classic tournament for 7 years. She also assists Larry with keeping the Hall of Fame room and articles organized and up-to-date. Ruth is a good example of fair play and good sportsmanship. If every player played like Ruth we could eliminate 75% of the existing rules. However, when she plays cards, she is known as a 'Little 'B'. But to me she is known as a Big 'F' – (Friend).

It is a privilege and honor to present my friend, Ruth Brown, to be inducted into the Central District Hall of Fame.

Submitted by Ruth Tate, March 11, 2011