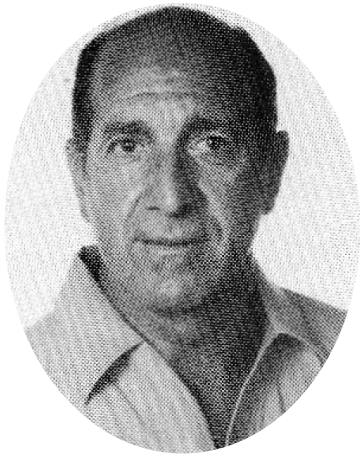


## *Joe Lametta*



**J**oe Lametta is one of the few Norwalkers ever to bowl a sanctioned 300 game. The classic occurred in 1976 when Joe was bowling for Anastasia Bros. in the Rip Van Winkle "A" League. He still bowls for Anastasia Bros. after a long career as a basketball and softball player, coach, and athletic leader.

Lametta did not participate in athletics at Norwalk High School, but after playing basketball in the Marines, he was discharged in 1947 and immediately started playing locally as a member of the Spring Hill Tigers basketball team.

Over the years that followed, he hit the boards for most of the better local basketball teams, including Aurelius Ghiotto's YMCA, O'Brien's Emeralds, Hi-Ho Restaurant, the Laurel AC, Norwalk Fire Department, and Chatham Oaks. There weren't many teams fielding a basketball team in the 1950s and 1960s who didn't try to

sign the tall, high scoring Lametta.

As a softball player, Joe played with the Knights of Columbus, Blue Moon Restaurant, and Chatham Oaks.

Joe grew up in the Cranbury and later Spring Hill areas of Norwalk. When his playing days came to an end, he joined forces with others to found the Cranbury Community Bowling League. That's when he joined Anastasia Bros. as a prelude to his classic 300 game.

Lametta has long been active as a member of the Laurel AC, and has served as both vice president and president of the prestigious local athletic club. He is also past commandant of the Mahackemo Detachment Marine Corps League.

He is a native Norwalker who attended Cranbury, Over River, Jefferson, Center Junior High, and Norwalk High School. He and his wife, Katherine, have three children and live at 178 Wolfpit Avenue. He still works regularly as a mason.