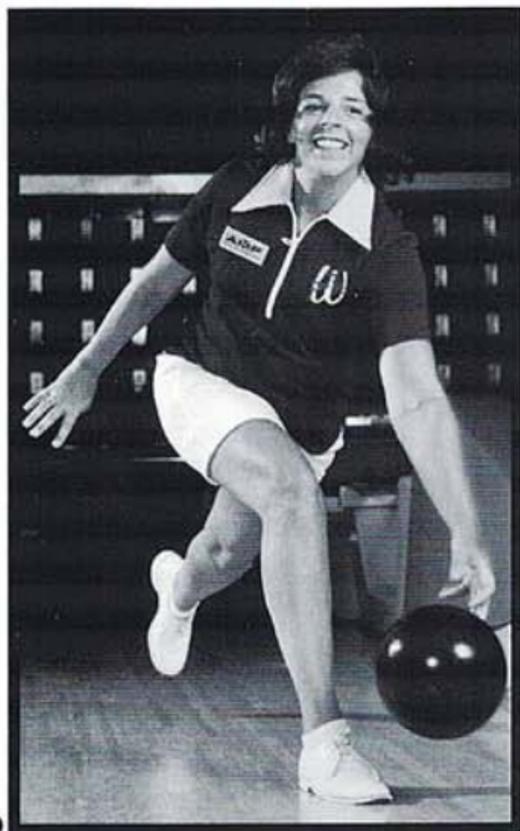


## HALL OF FAMER PATTY COSTELLO DIES



Patty Costello

Patty Costello of Scranton, Pa., the best female bowler ever to emerge from this area and one of the most successful women bowlers in history, died April 16 after a valiant battle with pancreatic cancer. She was 62. Born in Washington, D.C., Costello was one of the most dominant left-handed women in professional bowling in the 1970s and '80s when she won the majority of her 25 professional titles. Despite the fact that she didn't take up the sport until she was 16, she quickly made a name for herself after winning the 1970 Columbia 300 Open. Among her victories were the 1976 Women's U.S. Open and 1985 Ladies Pro Bowlers Tour Tournament of Champions titles. In 1976, she won seven events, setting a record for most titles earned in a year by a woman. Costello, who frequently was confused with fellow competitor and right-handed California native Pat Costello, was named Woman Bowler of the Year by the Bowling Writers Association of America in 1972 and 1976. Patty Costello was inducted into the WDCAWBA Hall of Fame in 1987, the Women's International Bowling Congress Hall of Fame in 1989, and she bowled her last professional tournament in 1993, finishing second in the WIBC Queens. Costello, who viewed bowling as a job, retired from the game to a career with the Community Medical Center in Scranton, where she was a transport driver.