

CLASS OF 2017

Bill Bailey

Bill Bailey of Wiscasset, ME began racing in 1958 at Beech Ridge Motor Speedway. His first race car was a '36 Dodge Coup. The following years, he excelled in the speedway's "B"-class, amassing a number of wins. However, Bill couldn't be confined to a single track.

From the early days of competing in the legendary "sand pit" races in Biddeford, to the original 1/2 mile Oxford Plains Speedway, Speedway 95, Unity, and many others. Bill was always eager for the next challenge, and this was evident amid a successful year at Arundel Speedway. Bill was the point leader, but headed for another opportunity with just a few weeks left in the season.

His greatest accomplishments came at the Wiscasset Speedway, where he was on track for opening day in July 1969. Along the way, he switched from his original #82, to what would become the signature #30 or, "the dirty thirty" as his legend grew.

Bill's racing career took him through the early 80's, picking up a checkered flags as recently as 1984. Teaming with car owner Glen Rines for many seasons, Bill Bailey built a Hall of Fame career racing from the back, electing to take tail even if qualifying higher. He simply enjoyed the challenge to "just race the car." Today, he resides in Wiscasset with his wife of 46 years, Jackie.

