

## **TOM MEEHAN**

Tom Meehan had a brief, but illustrious career, in racing. Meehan began racing in 1962 at the age of 17. The Madison resident won the very first stock car race he entered at Lake County Speedway in Madison, and followed it up with 16 more victories that year to earn the season's point title. Later, he teamed with Jack Mader in a modified and the pair became a formidable force in local auto racing, claiming a feature win at Huset's in their very first night at the track. They would later go on to record a number of feature victories at Huset's and Lake County while also winning the South Dakota State Fair Championship in Huron. Following the 1968 season, Meehan moved to Minneapolis for business reasons and left racing. He returned for one more year in 1972, his best year ever. That season, he won the three-day Sioux Empire Fair points title. He also won the Governor's Cup race at Huset's, charging from the back of the field to pass Roger Larson on the final lap to receive the trophy from Gov. Dick Kneip. He entered the final night of the racing season virtually deadlocked with Harry Torgerson in the points chase, but finished one position away from Torgerson and the title. Following that season, Meehan elected to leave racing at the age of 25 to devote time to his soon-to-be-born daughter and his business.