

Joseph Walter Ford

28th State Deputy of Oregon 1962-1964



Joseph Walter Ford was born on April 17, 1912 in Denver, CO to Edward and Margaret Ash Ford. The family moved to Deer Trail, CO where Joseph attended grade school. Young Joe traveled to school in a covered wagon.

The family then moved to Newberg, OR in 1920 where Joe attended high school then the University of Portland which he graduated in 1936.

Joseph married Marie Nemec on May 15, 1941 in Lake Oswego, OR and the couple had five children.

The first 12 years of Joseph's working career was in the grocery business and the next 25 years worked in the building business.

Joseph was a charter member of the Lake Oswego Council 3818. He served as Grand Knight of the council and District Deputy from 1956 to 1957. Joseph also served as State General Program and State Membership Directors. He was elected State Deputy in 1962 but never held any other State Office.



Joseph Walter Ford died November 24, 1994 in Lake Oswego, OR and is buried in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Lake Oswego, OR. Marie died in 2019.

Young Joe Ford

"We cannot take yesterday's figures of success and try to hit the same goal this year if we intend to go ahead and keep pace with this ever-changing world... we must surpass what we have done before." Joe Ford, September 15, 1962, Salem, OR



Joe and Marie Ford