

Jerome Arthur Brunelle

40th State Deputy of Oregon 1985-1987



Jerome Arthur Brunelle was born on September 29, 1926 in Wild Rice, ND to Alphose and Rosa Rheault Brunelle.

Jerry, as he was known, served in the US Navy during WWII from 1944 to 1946 as was stationed aboard the USS Siboney. After he was discharged he returned to North Dakota, where he met Elaine Jendro. The couple was married on August 25, 1947 in Fargo, ND.

In March 1948 the couple moved to Portland, OR. Within a month, Jerry, was working for Benz Spring Company where he remained for

more than 65 years as a bookkeeper. Jerry and Elaine had four children, one girl and three boys.

Jerry was an active member of the Knights of Columbus for over 60 years. In 1981 he became a charter member of the St. Anne Council 7729 in Portland, OR and was the councils first Deputy Grand Knight. That same year, Jerry, became State Treasurer until 1983. Jerry was not a State officer again until he was elected as State Deputy in 1985 at the State Convention held in Klamath Falls, OR.

Jerry devoted his time and energy to group homes for unwed mothers and served on the Board of Directors for The Grotto for 35 years. Elaine died in 2010 and after her death, Jerry worked tirelessly on various project and committees at Christ the King Catholic Church in Milwaukie, OR.

Jerry was a peacemaker and a quiet man who rarely raised his voice. Jerome A. Brunelle died on September 4, 2017 in his home in Milwaukie, OR and is buried at the Gethsemani Catholic Cemetery in Happy Valley, OR next to Elaine.



Elaine and Jerry 1947

*"I am proud to be a Knight and I believe that every Catholic man eighteen and over should avail himself the opportunity of being part of this Knights of Columbus." Jerry
Portland, OR*

*Respectfully
Jerry Brunelle*

*great organization known as the
Brunelle September 27, 1985,*

