

# John Adolph Rekart

## 41<sup>st</sup> State Deputy of Oregon 1987-1989



John Adolph Rekart was born on October 15, 1916 to Russian Immigrants, Anton and Katherine Garrits Rekart at his parents' home in Portland aided by a team of Russian midwives.

John attend St. Agatha School where he remained a member of St. Agatha Church his entire life. John served in the Navy during WWII.

As a young man, John worked almost at every store and shop in the area where he lived.

In 1941 John meet Helen Moell at a basketball function held at St. Agatha Church. Three weeks later John married Helen on May 18, 1941 in Portland, OR. The couple had eight children.

John was Grand Knight of the Milwaukie Council 3378 in 1966 and a member of the council until 1979. In that year he became a charter member and 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Knight of the St. Agatha Council 7388. John was District Deputy of the years 1981 and 1982. He held many State Chairman and Director positions including State Historian. He was elected as State Deputy in 1987 but never held any other State Office.

Helen died in 1992. John then met the widowed Cleo Brainerd and they were married on June 23, 2003. Together they managed a bed & breakfast establishment in Sandpoint, ID and a fabric shop in Oak Grove, OR. Cleo added four more children to the extended family.

John played sports of all kinds. He coached Little League and served as Cub and Boy Scouts Leader.

John Adolph Rekart died on September 12, 2014 in Portland, OR and is buried at the Willamette Nation Cemetery in Portland, OR



Helen and John in 1941



*"Share the spirit, honor the Clergy." John A Rekart, January 1989, Portland, OR*

