

Robert Joseph Kligel

1944-2021

44th State Deputy of Oregon 1993-1995



Robert J. Kligel passed away on August 25, 2021, in Vancouver, WA following a prolonged illness. He was born on September 22, 1944, to Carl Kligel and Marian Vent in Eastern Oregon.

Robert lived in Pendleton, OR during his early life. Robert attended Gonzaga Preparatory School in the early 1960's where he was active in football, basketball, track, baseball, drama, and the St. Joseph Academy. In 1966 he attended Gonzaga University and was part of the ROTC.

Robert married Mary Palmer in Marion Co. OR on October 18, 1969. The couple first lived in Chicago, IL and then returned to Oregon to live.



1962

Robert became a member of the Knights of Columbus on March 1, 1969. He served as Grand Knight of the Newberg Council 6602 from 1981-1983. He then served as District Deputy and Master. Robert served as State Advocate from 1985-1988, State Treasurer from 1989-1991 and State Secretary from 1991-1993. He was elected State Deputy at the 1993 State Convention held in Klamath Falls, OR where he served as State Deputy from 1993-1995.



1962 Gonzaga Prep Football

Later Robert served as State Historian and was widely known for his colorful comments at later State Conventions.

The Funeral Mass will be held at St Peter's, 2315 N Main St., Newberg, OR 97132 on September 24, 2021
Rosary will be at 10:30, Funeral Mass at 11:00.

"It has been a tremendous honor to have served as your State Deputy. Where has the time gone. I feel the challenges have been rewarding and the time and travels productive. The sense of pride and enjoyment would not have been accomplished if it had not been for the love and support of my wife, Mary, and my family, the support of the State Officers and all my Brother Knights here in Oregon. For this you have my heart felt gratitude and appreciation." Robert Kligel, May 1995, Pendleton State Convention

