

Aldo Bartolomei
May 5, 1932 - December 25, 2003
(State Deputy 1986 – 1988)



Aldo Bartolomei was born in Bronx, New York to Elidamo Bartolomei and Assunta (Andreuccetti) Bartolomei. He was the youngest of three children and served as an altar boy until his 20th birthday. As a teenager he read every newspaper he could get his hands on. He was always very fond of statistics and was said to have driven his family crazy with talk of it.

He served in the Signal Corps while in the U.S. Army and was a Korean War Veteran. Not too long after his honorable discharge from the Army, Aldo took a job with the Navy Department.

Aldo rose to the position of Program Manager in the Navy Department's Naval Electronics Systems Command in Washington D.C. until his retirement in 1988. He continued in his field after his retirement serving as a consultant for Canadian Marconi, moving to Palm Coast, Florida in 1995 and finally retiring for real in 1997. It was then he pursued his dream, when along with his wife Jean, he spent four years traveling the world, finally walking the Great Wall of China.

After moving from Bay Shore New York to Bowie Maryland, Aldo joined Sacred Heart council in April, 1966 and it wasn't too long before he started to get involved in the council. Council history shows Aldo as council lecturer and building association president in 1967. Actually, it seems that his wife Jean became active before Aldo, being elected as the first president of the Sacred Heart Ladies Auxiliary and serving in this capacity for two terms. Jean remained active in the ladies auxiliary over the years.

In the very next year, 1968, Aldo's career as a leader in Sacred Heart Council got off to a great start as he was chairman of the Beer Blast and Polka Party and the Council Square Dance. In 1969, he served on the building fund bond drive and in 1970 as chairman of the car raffle and as a family assistance helper

From 1971 - 72, Aldo served the council as Deputy Grand Knight and in 1972 was elected as Grand Knight. After his term as Grand Knight, Aldo remained active, serving as Chairman of the church benefit dance, carnival publicity and Italian night, and volleyball chairman in 1974

In the late 1970's and the 1980's - Aldo was active as President of the McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights and had his ten year run through the state chairs culminating with his election of state deputy in 1986. During this same period, Aldo's children became active in our Order. His oldest son David held the position of Chief Squire for the State of Maryland under State Deputy Bill Clayton. His next son Gregory became a Knight and was knighted by his father. His daughter Marisa was the first President of the Squirettes for Sacred Heart Council.

After completing his ten year term as a State Officer, in 1988 Aldo again became involved in his council's activities, serving again as PGK dinner dance and Italian night chairman. His continued support to his council continued well into the 90's where Aldo served in many capacities, including Lecturer for 1991 through 1993, winning first place both years; Social action chairman – 1991; Resolution committee Chairman - 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1995; By-laws revision chairman – 1995 and as advocate. In appreciation of Aldo and Jean's continued help to the council in 1995, they were named as Sacred Heart Council's Family of the Month for June, 1995 and presented with a statue of the Holy Family and certificate.

When Aldo and Jean retired to Florida, Aldo became a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Palm Coast and immediately joined and took an active role in Msgr. Leo Gildea Council #7845 and Bishop Patrick Barry Assembly 4th Degree #2264. He served as Lecturer for several years, started a very successful Friday afternoon bingo program. He golfed three times a week, traveled whenever and wherever he could, frequently enjoyed a good baseball or football game, but most of all, loved his grandchildren. He constantly reminded them that a higher education was paramount – and Jean said they all paid attention.

Aldo finally lost his battle with Leukemia on his favorite holiday Christmas Day, leaving behind his loving wife of 43 years, Jean Bartolomei; daughter, Penny Colvin and her husband Kevin of Hampton, VA.; daughter, Dr. Marisa Bartolomei and her husband Dr. Dalton Paxman, of Media, PA.; son, David Bartolomei and his wife Kristine, of Potomac Falls, VA.; son, Gregory Bartolomei and his wife Sonja, of Bethesda, MD.; a brother, Silvio Bartolomei, of Palm Coast; a sister, Filomena Donati, of Palm Coast; and six grandchildren, Anthony, Cheyenne, Luke, & Jacob Bartolomei, and Daniela and Siena Paxman.