

Minnesota Music Hall of Fame Inductee



Jerome (Jerry) Kadlec

Inducted in 2004

Jerry Kadlec played his first dance job at the age of 12 in Silver Lake. After graduating from high school, he attended the U.S. Naval School of Music in Washington, DC and toured the Mediterranean and the Caribbean with a 17-piece Navy Band. After he was discharged in 1958, he joined the Whoopee John Band and played with the band for over 2 years.

In 1965, he married his bride, Judy Landkamer, at the Lake Marion ballroom, where of course, his current band, The Earl Schmidt Band played at their wedding dance. They bought a 160-acre family farm and “raised three children, Melissa, Tony and some soybeans and sweet corn.”

Jerry’s first love was music, but he had a 38-year career working for the U.S. Postal Service. He joined the Bruce Bradley Band in 1990 and has played with them to the present. He is very thankful for his wonderful experiences he has had in the 55 years of playing music.

