



## **Gord Kannegiesser**

Gord was a solid stay-at-home defenseman who played a few games with the St. Louis Blues in the early days of expansion. He found more success and playing time in the WHA, minor leagues, and junior hockey.

The native of North Bay, Ontario began his junior career with the Guelph Royals of the OHA in 1962-63. This was followed by three seasons with the Kitchener Rangers from 1963 to 1966. During the 1965-66 season he played with his younger brother, Sheldon, who went on to play several years in the NHL. The Kannegiesser brothers helped the Rangers reach the OHA final where their Memorial Cup dream ended at the hands of the Oshawa Generals and Bobby Orr.

Originally the property of the New York Rangers, Gord played his first season of pro hockey with the Des Moines Oakes of the IHL in 1966-67. He was later traded to the expansion St. Louis Blues in a deal that involved NHL regulars Rod Seiling, Tim Ecclestone, Gary Sabourin, and Bob Plager. Gord played 19 games for the Blues in their inaugural season then spent four years in the minors before playing four more games in St. Louis during the 1971-72 campaign.

While anchoring the defence corps of the WHL's Denver Spurs in 1971-72, Gord was chosen by the Houston Aeros in the WHA General Player Draft. He went on to play two years with the Aeros--including one with Gordie, Mark, and Marty Howe--when the team captured the Avco Cup in 1974. He retired after playing the 1974-75 season with the league's Indianapolis Racers.

Gord is very active in his local church and even delivers many of the messages from the pulpit.