

Starting at age 16 working for his brothers, Jerry Brailsford Sr. has been involved with the masonry industry nearly his whole life. Through his work as a mason contractor for many years, his unique and beautiful contributions to brick sculpting, and his successful architectural precast concrete business, Jerry has been a central part of the mountain west masonry business for decades.

In 1973, at the age of 35, young Jerry was appointed as executive secretary to the Masonry Contractors Association of Utah, a position in which he dutifully served for several years. He also served for 5 years as the Executive Director of the Masonry Contractors Association of Utah and the Utah Masonry Research and Promotions division. Throughout his career, he has trained many young masons from tenders on up to bricklayers, and his influence is truly generational.

His innovative spirit is evident in the countless handcrafted tools he made for his sculptures, and several inventions of his own make that brilliantly aided his craft. For example, in the wintertime, instead of just draping visqueen over the scaffolding and letting it get ripped and torn by the wind, he built panels with a frame covered with plastic that bolted onto the scaffold and was much more secure, easier to set up, and held in the heat much more efficiently. He also had a patented tool that enabled him to temper the mortar on the mud board instead of having to use a shovel.

Jerry Brailsford Sr's passion for his work still burns strongly today, as he presides over his current endeavor of more than 25 years, Brailsford Cast Stone. He works tirelessly, still going in to his office every day, actively participating in all aspects of day to day business. He has maintained many close business and personal relationships in the masonry industry, and continues to receive many accolades for his quality work.

Outside of masonry, Jerry's passion is flying. He served as the airport manager for Lehi for a time, and has been flying small aircraft for 45 years now. He is certified as both a pilot and ground instructor, and has his CFII certification. He also enjoys serving in the community and frequently puts on guitar and singing performances for the residents of local assisted living centers.

Accomplishments:

As a masonry contractor: Fort Drum military base in Watertown, NY; IPP Power Plant in Delta, UT; Bonanza Power Plant near Vernal, UT; Power Plant in Craig, CO; Boyer Building in Salt Lake City; Countless schools, municipal buildings, religious institutions, etc.

Examples of his brick sculpting are found throughout Utah, Nevada, California, and overseas in Hawaii and Thailand.

His architectural precast is featured on numerous award winning commercial and residential projects.