

# SHERMAN CENTRAL SCHOOL

## Wall of Fame

### ALVIN E. PERSON

Inducted 2012



Alvin E. Person was born October 21, 1912 in the Town of Mina, the only child to Anna and Alfred. His early education started in a one-room country schoolhouse, but he graduated from Sherman School as Class Valedictorian. After completing his training class at age 17, he began his teaching career at a country schoolhouse in Summerdale. Alvin taught in a one-room schoolhouse before the school consolidated to the present day Sherman Central School. At Sherman, he taught both Agriculture and sixth grade before becoming the Elementary Principal. During this time, Alvin continued his education earning his Bachelor's and Master's degrees.

On July 7, 1943, Alvin married Helen Johnson who was the homemaking teacher at Sherman School. They had three children: Robert, Sylvia, and Fred. Alvin and Helen's home was on the family farm on Bailey Hill Road which they operated until 1955 when they sold the property and moved into the Village of Sherman.

Although much of Alvin's life was devoted to education, he had many hobbies and interests. He was an avid photographer who had his own dark room and took many pictures for the school yearbook, and other events such as weddings. Alvin was also known as a magician and entertained in a variety of settings. Alvin was very active in the Sherman Community Church serving as treasurer, a member of the Board of Trustees, and sang in the choir.

Alvin's life consisted of 22 years as a teacher, 22 years as a principal, and he was able to enjoy 22 years of retirement (retired 1973). He held many beliefs including the belief that your education is a gift, a gift that can never be taken away from you. Alvin's belief and love for education was strong throughout his family, and his legacy still continues on through his six grandchildren. Today four of his grandchildren serve directly in the education field.

From his humble beginnings, Alvin would have been honored to be placed on this Wall of Fame.