

# SHERMAN CENTRAL SCHOOL

## Wall of Fame

DONALD F. BRAUTIGAM, M.D.

Inducted 2012



A 1966 graduate of SCS, Dr. Brautigam graduated from Houghton College in 1970 and Upstate Medical Center in 1974. He went on to serve in the U.S. Army, completing his residency and becoming board certified in Family Practice.

Upon discharge from the Army in 1979, where he earned the rank of Major, he established Westfield Family Physicians. His vision was to recruit other like-minded Christian doctors who shared his interest in international medical missions. Today, the practice consists of six board-certified family physicians practicing in both Westfield and Sherman, NY. The group's doctors have volunteered in dozens of mission hospitals and clinics throughout the world.

Following his passion for medical education, he obtained a mini-fellowship in medical education from SUNY Buffalo in 1993. Dr. Brautigam was recognized by both SUNY Buffalo and St. Vincent Health Center for teaching and mentoring students at all levels of learning. Also in the 1990s, he co-founded Great Lakes Medical Research where he works to advance medical knowledge through pharmaceutical research. Dr. Brautigam has served in staff leadership at Westfield Memorial Hospital and as a resource for the Department of Social Services. He speaks to professional groups all over the U.S. on achieving excellence in private medical practices and research facilities.

With a wide smile and an open heart, Dr. Brautigam's life reflects his joyful gratitude to God. He is known for whistling while he works and taking time to chat with patients about their varied interests and, of course, his own grandchildren. Dr. Brautigam adds, "My career has been blessed with wonderful patients and staff. I am privileged to serve God through the practice of medicine."