

# SHERMAN CENTRAL SCHOOL

## Wall of Fame

### GEORGANN BEMIS

Inducted 2014



Georgann Bemis, named for her grandfather, George Morton, daughter of Kent and Lois Morton Young, was born January 11, 1943 in Jamestown, N.Y. She has one brother, Kent. She graduated from Frewsburg Central School in 1961 as class president. During high school she was a piano accompanist for all the school choirs, sang with special groups in school and church, and participated in school plays. She was in the French, History and Debate Club, and Tri Hi Y.

In 1965 Georgann graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota with a Bachelor of Science Degree in French and a minor in sociology along with continuing her love of music and piano lessons.

Georgann was hired at Sherman Central School by Superintendent John Butler in 1965 as a French, sociology and English teacher. She married Francis Bemis in 1967, and the couple have two children, Tim and Lela. Georgann loved her teaching job and never had a student she didn't like, just sometimes not appreciating what the student may have been doing. She wanted students to know how important it was to understand other countries in order to promote mutual understanding.

At SCS she started a French Club which gave students an opportunity to earn money to travel to France and Quebec. She was an advisor for National Honor Society, High School Bowl, cheerleading, multiple class advisor, assisted with school musicals, yearbook and continued to play piano for school events. Professionally, she was a NYSUT and NEA representative for 30 years and president of the Sherman Teachers' Association. She served as president of the Beta Beta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International of Women Educators, and along with Loeta Werren, attended an international convention in New Orleans to present a project called Magic Years.

Georgann has continued working for teachers as president and board member of Southern Chautauqua County Retired Teachers and a board of directors member of Western Zone, New York State Retired Teachers' Association. She attends Sherman Community Church where she sometimes provides music. Along with being a member and co-president of the Marvin Community House in Jamestown, she serves on the board of trustees and the board of directors. She is the musician for Acacia Chapter, Eastern Star and has been Grand Fraternal correspondent for Grand Chapter of New York State.

Her love of travel has taken Georgann to Europe, and she continues teaching by traveling throughout the United States with her grandchildren: Kylee, Andrew and Alex.