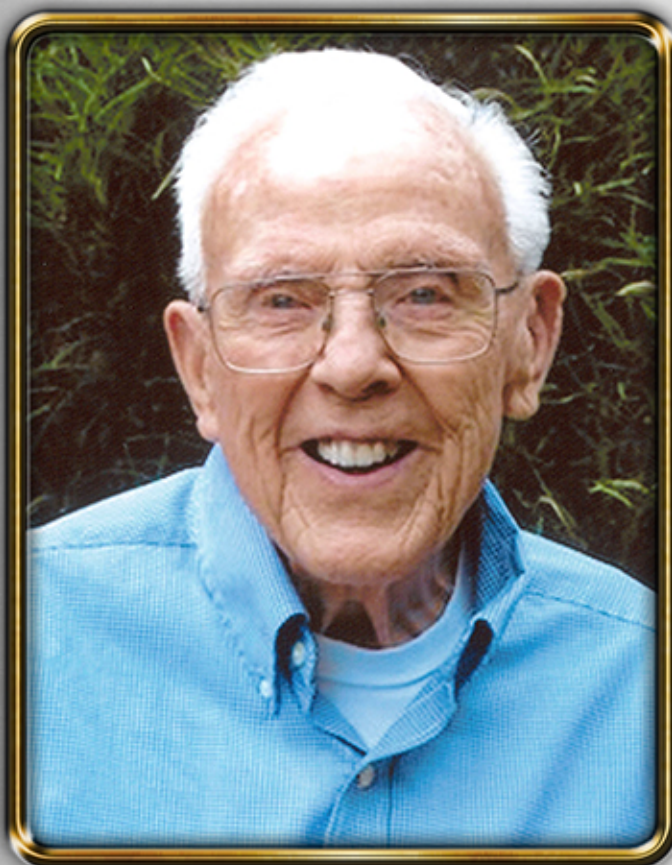


SHERMAN CENTRAL SCHOOL

Wall of Fame

GERALD W. RUSSELL

Inducted 2019



Jerry Russell was born in 1928. He has been a life-long resident of Sherman, as were his parents, great grandparents, and great-great grandparents. He is a 1946 graduate of Sherman Central School and served in the United States Army (1948-1951) with 2-1/2 years overseas in Korea and Japan. He returned to Sherman in 1951 and began a long career in banking, working in Sherman, Clymer, Jamestown, Buffalo and Little Valley. His employers included Bank of Jamestown, Western Savings Bank and Cattaraugus County Bank, which he retired from in 1992 as the executive vice president. He also was a member of the board of directors at Jamestown Savings Bank. After his career started, his mother, Elgie Babcock Russell, who was the manager of the school cafeteria, introduced Jerry to the new Home Economics teacher, Mary Louise Murty in 1952. They married in 1953 and together Jerry and Mary Lou made a life of "paying forward." They instilled this in their four daughters, Kathleen, Jeanne, Marijo, and Lynne.

Jerry is a member of the Community Church, Olive Masonic Lodge #575, and a 20 year member of the Town of Sherman Board, which he is currently serving on. He also served on the Village of Sherman Board, and the Sherman Central School Internal Audit Committee. He has a long-standing history of "giving back" and others often seek him out for sound advice on banking, cars, or life in general. He has a strong sense of civic duty and has touched many lives in this community.