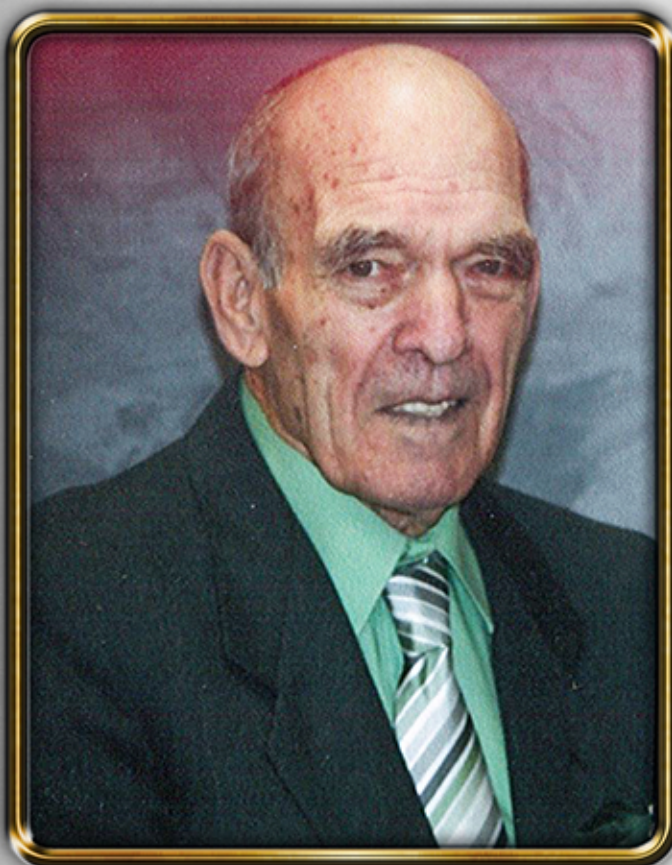


# SHERMAN CENTRAL SCHOOL

## Wall of Fame

### HARRY A. WAITE

Inducted 2013



Born December 27, 1933 in Poland Center, New York. He began his education in a one-room schoolhouse with one teacher instructing students in grades one through six. A potbelly stove was used for heat, a water pump was in the front yard, and 20 feet behind the school, an outhouse. Harry moved to Sherman during his sixth grade year and continued his education at SCS until his graduation in 1953.

Mr. Waite enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps on January 5, 1954 and headed to Parris Island, S.C., then to Camp Lejeune, N.C. Camp Pendleton, California was the next location and then a fourteen-month tour in Japan and another four months in Okinawa. Heading back to the States in 1956, he married his high school sweetheart, Louise Wareham on September 21st. The couple adopted four children, Mike (1963), Steve (1965), Pam (1967), and Patty (1968), and all are SCS graduates.

Mr. Waite said, "Most of us are passionate about certain things like God, family and country, to name a few. Also high on that list for me is our school kids. The most important thing I've learned is that our kids are what SCS is all about. It's everyone's responsibility to see to it that our students are given every opportunity to succeed."

The present gymnasium opened in 1959, and for the next fifty years Mr. & Mrs. Waite rarely missed a game. Mr. Waite said, "We always saw the team as our 'kids.' After each game, we would speak to as many of them as we could to tell them how proud we were of them. Although it was such a small thing for us to do, we always hoped it was an encouragement to them."

Mr. Waite said the highlight of his life's endeavors was to spend three "tours" in Haiti, building a church and school. It was very hot and miserable, and some days it was over 115 degrees, but it was the most gratifying opportunity he has ever had.

Mr. Waite served on the Sherman Central School Board of Education for eight years from 1972 to 1980.