

# SHERMAN CENTRAL SCHOOL

## Wall of Fame

### JOHN PATTERSON

Inducted 2018



Born in Corry, PA (1944), John Patterson attended the Corry Area School District. During high school he participated in wrestling, football, baseball, track, and shot on the small-bore rifle team. He graduated in 1962. He received a bachelor's degree in chemistry and math from Edinboro University in 1966 and was hired by Sherman Central School in August of that same year. The National Science Foundation awarded Mr. Patterson five successive scholarships to earn his permanent certification. He studied at Toledo University, Buffalo State, The City College of New York and two summers at Columbia University. While teaching at SCS, he met and married his wife Sally. They have two children, Steve and Lauri who are both very successful and live in Mayville and Falconer, NY. During his 33-year teaching career, Mr. Patterson also held various roles including athletic director, class advisor, wrestling coach and football coach. He demanded a high standard in his teaching practicum and had over 1100 students pass through his classroom. He retired from teaching in July 1999.

John and his wife owned and operated the Sherman Insulation Company for 12 years and owned a 400-acre farm in Mayville, NY for 25 years, raising 90 to 100 head of Simmental-Limousine cows and calves each year. The herd won the banner for the best pen of calves out of 600 entries for 25 years in a row.

Mr. Patterson was elected as the Mayor of Sherman from 2009-2017 where he continued to serve the community spearheading many important projects including securing grant funding for the municipal government. He also worked with the Chautauqua County DPW to have their new headquarters remain in the area. He was active in the Sherman Historical Society and wrote grants for building restoration at the Yorker Museum.

The couple are now retired and live on East Main Street in the Village and have been together for nearly 50 years.