

SHERMAN CENTRAL SCHOOL

Wall of Fame

PASTOR PAUL SEARS

Inducted 2012



Pastor Paul Sears graduated from Kenmore West High School in 1961. He attended Cornell University in Ithaca, NY where he met and married his wife Margaret. He graduated in 1965 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture and was employed by Cornell and Agway, Inc. until 1968 when he purchased a dairy farm in Holley, N.Y. and operated the farm until 1978. At this point in his career he attended Baptist Bible School of Theology. He came to Sherman to be the pastor of the First Baptist Church in 1979. His family quickly became part of Sherman as his descendants had in the past; his father, Harry Sears (SCS Class of 1925), his mother Sarah Bensink Sears (Sherman Training Class of 1924), and his grandfather, Arthur Sears, who was a general store owner-operator in the village in the early 1900s. All four of the couple's children, Kari, Lori, Marci and Timothy graduated from SCS.

For the past 33 years, Paul has served as pastor of the Baptist Church and the community at large. His focus has always been on building relationships that would encourage and give present and eternal values to the families and the community around him. His desire to instill the value of Faith, Family, Friendship, and Freedom into the lives of people stems from his own strong faith in Jesus Christ and his commitment to a Biblical life style that serves God and the people in our school and community.

Pastor Sears has been a part of the community through Baccalaureate, Sherman Old Fashion Christmas, Sherman Day Celebrations, and various activities for the youth of our community. Paul has served as emergency technician and fire fighter with Stanley Hose Company and was named "Humanitarian of the Year" in 1999 by the Chautauqua County Resource Center.