

SHERMAN CENTRAL SCHOOL

Wall of Fame

VICTORIA RATER

Inducted 2015



Vicki Rater was born in Westfield Hospital on June 3, 1953 to William Paul, Sr. and Mary Lois Johnson Paul of Sherman. She grew up on the "not so quiet" First Street in Sherman with her six brothers, seven sisters and all her neighborhood friends. Vicki graduated from Sherman Central School in 1971 then moved to Jamestown for a short period. Upon returning home she worked at the family business, the Morse Hotel for 18 years. On April 3, 1982 she married her best friend Norm Rater.

The Morse Hotel was the hub of the town back then with the community making it a thriving business. That support from the community is what gave Vicki her love for the town and people in it. Vicki wanted to give back to the town what it had given her and her family. What better way than to help with town improvements, and to get personally involved. That was the beginning of her community service journey.

Vicki has served on the Sherman Day Committee, the Old Fashioned Christmas Committee (since its inception in 1985), worked with the Yorker Organization, was a member of the Stanley Hose Auxiliary and has been acting Women's Constable of Sherman since 1992. Vicki is also a charter member of the Sherman Rebuilding Committee and the Chamber of Commerce both of which she still belongs to today. She is an active member of Christ Our Hope Church in Sherman.

Vicki's hard work and determination has earned her several awards for her efforts all centered around community service. The first being the recipient of the Dewitt Clinton Masonic Community Service Award in 1988. She was also a recipient of the Axel W. Carlson Award from the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation in 1992, and the "Person of the Year" Award in Sherman in 1997.

Being a Sherman resident almost her entire life, Vicki still believes that there is no better place to live and she will continue to be committed to making improvements to her hometown.