

SHERMAN CENTRAL SCHOOL

Wall of Fame

WILLIAM "BOB" CRANE

Inducted 2012



Bob was born January 6, 1943, the son of the late Bill and Jean Crane of Sherman. He attended Sherman Central School and graduated as the President of his Class in 1961. In his youth he was a member of the French Creek Yorkers and Boy Scouts of America. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, swimming and roller-skating. Athletics also interested Bob as he participated in football, basketball, baseball and tennis.

Upon graduation from high school, Bob worked at the Sherman Steam Mills with his grandfather, George Edmunds. He joined the Stanley Hose Volunteer Fire Company and became very active in the company and EMS team, taking all the classes offered to him. He has been the EMS captain for approximately 40 years and is proud to be an active member today celebrating 50 years with the department.

Bob enlisted in the U.S. Army and was a military policeman during a 13-month tour in Korea. Upon discharge from service, he became the President of the Sherman Steam Mills Corporation.

In 1965 Bob married Kathy Paul, and they had four boys, Douglas (1966), Richard (1968), Daren (1970), and David (1971), all of whom are married, and the Crane's have eight grandchildren. He is an active member of the St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church since 1979, and the couple bought their home at 120 Miller Street where they still reside today.

In 1984 Bob sold the Sherman Steam Mills and over the next several years was employed by Agway, Village of Sherman, and WCA Hospital. He worked part-time for Alstar and was a medic on Starflight. While at WCA his role included liaison between the hospital and volunteer EMS companies in Chautauqua County and retired as an ER Tech in the Fall 2008.

Other accolades received by Mr. Crane are: Stanley Hose Company Fireman of the Year (1983), Chautauqua County Fire Fighter of the Year (1983), WCA Hospital EMT of the Year (1995), WCA Denny Skeels Memorial Service Award (2009), Grand Marshal of Sherman Day Parade with other members of the EMS Team, Sherman "Man of the Year" (2010), and Olive Lodge #575 Excellence in Community Service Award (2011). Mr. Crane is currently a member of the Board of Directors of Westfield Memorial Hospital.