

BRUCE KNAPP, SR.
CLASS OF 1950



Bruce was born in Auburn, NY on October 31, 1931. The family moved to Seneca Falls shortly thereafter and Bruce has been a resident ever since. He attended Seneca Falls schools and graduated from Mynderse in 1950. After graduation, he took a position at Seneca Falls Machine where he was employed for 14 years. He then became a Master Pattern Maker/Checker at Goulds Pumps, working there until his retirement in 1994. Bruce also served his country as a member of the Army National Guard for 20 years, retiring as a Master Sargeant.

While at Mynderse, Bruce was a 3 sport athlete, lettering in football, basketball, and baseball. He was also Block M President, a Junior Kiwanian, and attended Empire Boys' State.

Bruce became a dedicated backer of Mynderse sports after graduation, especially the wrestling program. He also was treasurer of the Sports Boosters for many years. Bruce funded a Mynderse Wrestling Scholarship, helped found the Mynderse Wrestling Boosters and was presented with the Athletic Director's Award in 1978. He was involved in the construction of the wrestling facility room, which was named after Bruce and Pete Debottis.

In 1986, Bruce received dual recognitions, the NY State Assembly citation for outstanding citizenship presented by Michael Nozzolio and the SMS honored guest award.

Bruce was married to Mary Hartman for 58 years and has 2 children, Bruce Jr. and Sonna LaPenna and four grandchildren, Alyssa, an Albany State student, Jenna, who attends Cortland State, Sarah, a Victor Junior High student, and Joseph, a student at Westhill High in Syracuse.

Bruce attends Trinity Episcopal Church in Seneca Falls and is in many activities at the church, including the Vestry.