

Lonnie E. Tope, OD

Inducted May 24, 2015

Paulding High School		1970
Manchester College	B.S.	1973
Ohio State University College of Optometry	O.D.	1977



Dr. Lonnie Tope, was the Salutatorian in the class of 1970 with his class voting him “most ambitious”. He was an honor student, outstanding science fair participant, member of the All Ohio Youth Choir, National Honor Society, Student Council, a Buckeye Boys State delegate, an alternate to the U.S. Air Force and was on the track team. He completed his undergraduate work in only 3 years at Manchester College with a Bachelor’s degree in Biochemistry and was then accepted into the College of Optometry at the Ohio State University where he graduated in 1977 as a Doctor of Optometry. He and his family built the office building at 701 W. Wayne Street in Paulding where he established his optometry practice and became an integral part of the business community for the next 23 years until his passing in 2000. Lonnie was also inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame in 1995 for his outstanding track records. Lonnie’s legacy of dedication and hard work live on in his children Elizabeth, Sarah, and Michael as well as his loving wife Judy, who all currently reside within the county.