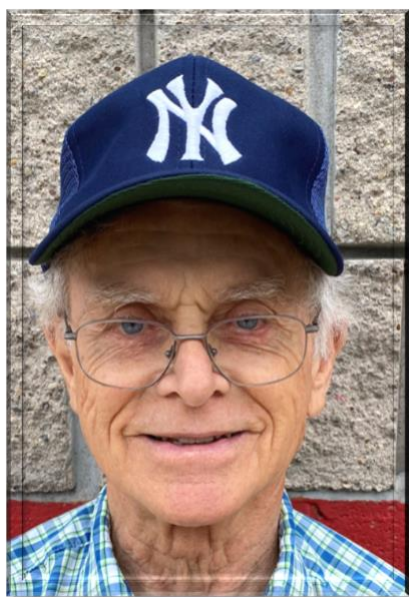


## THOMAS GIARRUSSO



Thomas Giarrusso is a retired school counselor formerly employed by the Seneca Falls Central School District. Along with providing counseling services and support for many students, Tom was an avid advocate and supporter of the Mynderse Athletic Program.

Tom graduated from Westhill High School and LeMoyne College. He later attended Syracuse University where he received his Counseling Degree and Certificate of Advanced Studies in Administration. Tom's wife, Patricia, is a retired math teacher from the Cicero-North Syracuse Central School District. He has three sons-- David, Chris, and Matt.

Tom began his school career at Phoenix School in Rochester, where he served as assistant principal and school counselor. He continued his career at Altmar-Parish-Williamstown Central School District where he served as school counselor for students in grades 6 – 12. Along with his counseling responsibilities, Tom developed an SAT Prep Course for students in grades 10 – 12 and coached football and basketball. Ultimately, Tom was hired in Seneca Falls and served as middle school counselor for students in grades 5 through 8. His Seneca Falls CSD responsibilities included student schedule development and academic assistance, specifically in the areas of reading and literacy. Tom developed an aptitude test and measurement program and provided SAT preparation for students in grades 8 – 12. He also brought the Johns Hopkins Talented Student Program to Seneca Falls, along with assisting with the facilitation of "The Cost of Life" mini-course for 8th graders. As you can see, Tom provided meaningful programs to meet the needs and interests of Seneca Falls students. Outside of the classroom, Tom provided opportunities for students to attend Syracuse University athletic events to broaden experiences. He often set up opportunities to meet players, coaches, event personnel, and university professors.

Tom also devoted time, energy, and attention to students involved in interscholastic athletics. He was a regular at Mynderse athletic events. He used his photography expertise to support the school's yearbook with student-athlete and game action photos. Tom used his own time and resources to provide

student-athletes with photos and posters from athletic teams and events. These were keepsakes that often showed up in scrapbooks, at team banquets, on school bulletin boards, and in school yearbooks.

Tom played an integral role in supporting students, coaches, and teams during his career in Seneca Falls. He loved coming to work and doing whatever he could to support students, families, teachers, coaches, and administrators.