



**Ray Thompson**  
**Photographer**  
**Contributor to Seneca Valley Athletics**

Ray started photographing Seneca Valley sports in the mid-1970's. He took live action shots of all major sporting events for the local newspapers. He also produced team and individual photos for use by the school and students and their families. He personally developed the film and produced pictures in his darkroom in the basement of his house. He created wallet-sized photos, buttons, larger portraits, and everything in-between. The number of photos that Ray took for Seneca Valley easily reached well into the thousands. Ray was such a staple in Seneca Valley that his photos spanned the second generations of families, having taken pictures of students and then eventually their children. He was still covering the football games in the 2011

season. In his 50 years of photography he won various photography awards, including Keystone Press Awards and Golden Quill Awards. He was a member of the National Press Photographers Association throughout his career.