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WALL OF FAME

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HERBERT A. BRAMSCHREIBER

Born in 1904, Herbert A. Bramschreiber grew up on the family farm located on Bramschreiber Road, named after his father, Henry. At OFHS he took courses in the teacher training track with the idea of serving others, which became his lifelong ambition. Graduation practice with the OFHS class of 1923 ended on a sad note as he was called home because of his father's death, leaving his mother Emilia with mixed emotions at the graduation ceremony.

Herbert married Grace Kussow, a fellow OFHS grad, who also went through the teacher training track. They went on to teach in Unity Center, Lakewood, and Suring, where he taught social studies and served as Assistant Principal. In 1942 he changed careers and returned to Oconto Falls. It was during this time that he served as an officer in the Coast Guard based in Sturgeon Bay. His work career led him to be a sales representative for Mobil Oil for Oconto County. After retiring from Mobil Oil, he remained active by keeping the books for Tisch and Drews Trucking and Helstad Drugs.

Together Herbert and Grace raised four children, Lowell, Jerome, Carol, and Julie. Herbert dedicated himself to serving others on many different levels. His work as a teacher gave him a youth focus. He served as a Scoutmaster for many years in Lakewood, Suring, and Oconto Falls. He was a mentor to many youth in this role. The Boy Scouts of America presented him with the Silver Beaver Award, its highest recognition for adult leaders.

His commitment to public service motivated him to serve on the Draft Board during World War II, the Oconto County Social Services Board, the Oconto Falls School Board, and the Community Memorial Hospital Board.

Perhaps his greatest public service contribution was made while serving as mayor of the city of Oconto Falls, a position he held from 1952 until 1970. In this role he was instrumental in developing and improving the East Side Beach Park as a focal point in the city. He was a leader in the planning of the new hospital, a cornerstone in the growth of Oconto Falls. As an active Kiwanis Club member he helped develop and run the ski tow for the youth of the community. Largely due to his public service and accomplishments as mayor, he was named one of the 100 most influential people in Wisconsin.

Very involved in his church, Herbert was the Sunday School Superintendent and taught many years. His motto in life was to be a Christian and do unto others in all walks of life. He truly lived his words. His legacy will live forever.