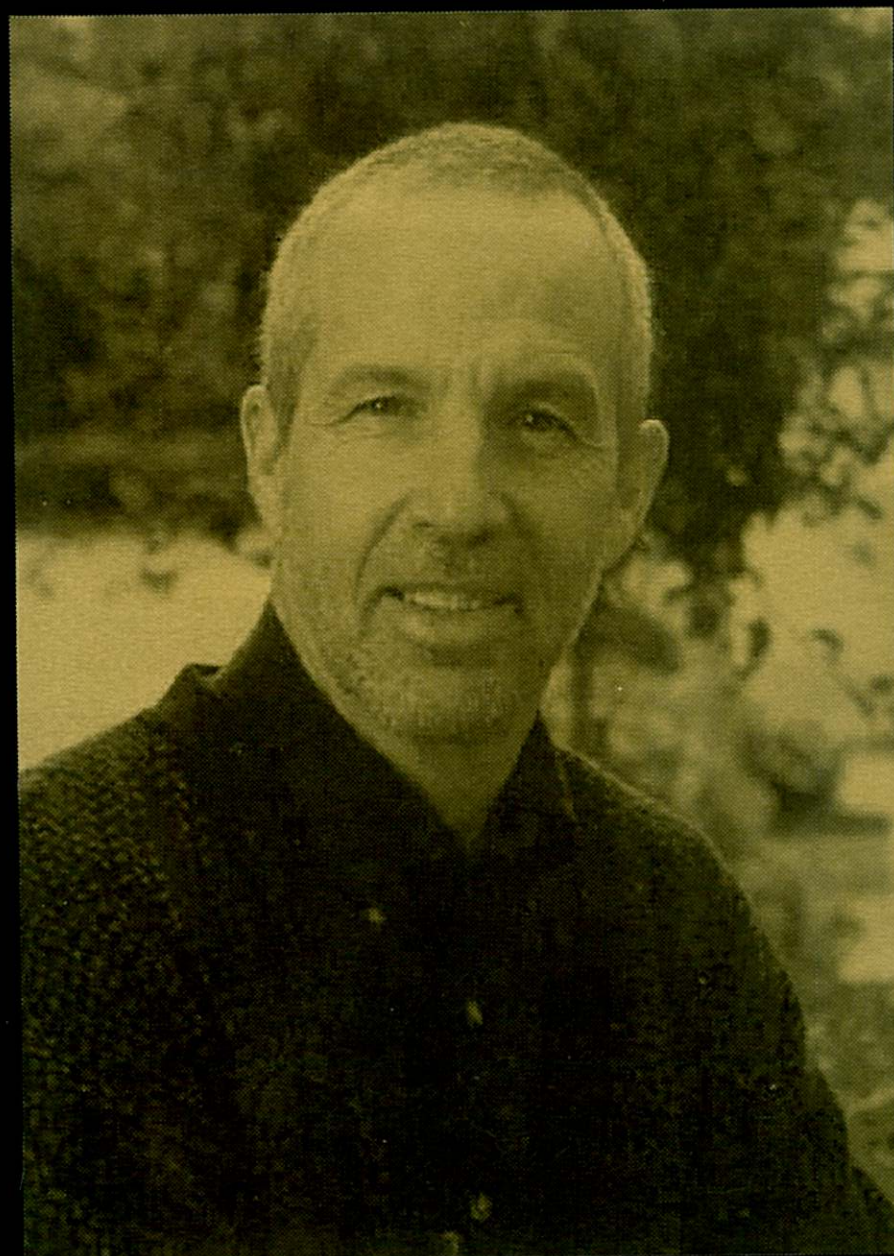


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WALL OF FAME
Inducted October 4, 2008



JIM VanDORNICK

As the oldest son raised on a dairy farm in Morgan, Jim VanDornick was relied upon to take added responsibility for the work on the farm. He learned the value of hard work and initiative from his parents, Leonard and Dorothy Van Dornick.

While attending Oconto Falls High School, Jim played football, lettering in his sophomore, junior and senior seasons. Jim always looked for the fun in everything that he did. While still a senior, Jim enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and arrived in boot camp just three days after graduating with the Class of '66. He believed that it was his duty to serve his country and served two combat tours in Vietnam.

Following his honorable discharge in 1969, Jim returned to Oconto Falls and married his former classmate Dolores Kowalczyk-Gretna. Jim and Dolores raised 3 children, Roger, Jennifer and Jim Jr.

In 1972, Jim accepted a position with Community Memorial Hospital. His mother was a registered nurse at Community Memorial Hospital, and helped influence Jim to move into healthcare as a career. He was named Administrator/Chief Executive Officer of Community Memorial Hospital, in 1998.

Jim completed his bachelors degree at University of Wisconsin, Green Bay with an emphasis in Human Development in 1992. In 1993, Jim received the Wisconsin Outstanding Vietnam Veteran Achievement Award, in recognition of his contribution to improving the quality of life for residents of Oconto Falls.

Jim's leadership style aims to achieve goals through the use of a core set of values, shared by everyone in every situation. He has stated that his greatest career reward was to see others, whom he has assisted, achieve their professional and personal goals. "Healthcare is a relationship business," is his management philosophy.

Under Jim's leadership the hospital has seen much growth. Jim credits the constant focus on values and relationships as the most important components in the successful expansion of services and resources available to the community.

Jim served as Vice President and President of the Oconto Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. He is active in the community, serving on the Community Development Authority and as a Board member for Oconto County Economic Development Cooperative. He has served on the school board of St Anthony School and on the Parish Council of St. Patrick's Parish, as well as on the city's planning commission.

On March 8, 2008, Jim and Dolores welcomed the newest Van Dornick, their Grandson James III.