



WALL OF FAME Inducted 1997 Charter Member

ROBERT E. SHELLMAN

Robert E. Shellman was born April 21, 1923, in Fennimore. His family moved to Oconto Falls in 1929 when his parents purchased the Oconto Falls Herald. He graduated from OFHS in 1941 and UW-Madison in 1948. He also attended the University of Maryland, Lawrence University, and Louisiana State University. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII, seeing duty in Europe and is a member of Eick-Sankey American Legion Post 302.

Robert has worked in the family-owned newspaper and publishing business since childhood. He purchased the Oconto Falls paper from his parents in 1972 and sold the business to his son Roger in 1992. He continues with the paper as assistant publisher and editor specializing in sports and governmental coverage.

Robert has been active in the Oconto Falls community and Oconto County areas for many years. Examples of Robert's dedication and service are: 12 years on the Oconto County School Commission serving 5 years as chair, 17 years on the Advisory Board of Building Projects for the Oconto Falls School District, membership in the Oconto Falls Businessmen's Association and Chamber of Commerce (20 yrs.), Oconto Falls Industrial Development Committee (20 yrs.), 21 yrs. on the Community Memorial Hospital Board (6 years as vice chair and also on the Finance and Personnel Committees), 6 yrs. with the Corporation for Housing for the Handicapped (5 yrs. as chair), a member of the United Methodist Church (68 yrs. in many different capacities), with the UWGB Advisory Committee during the mid 60's in its planning stage, Kiwanis Club (23 yrs., 2 as president), River Island Development Committee 1961-63 and serving on the Board of Directors for 5 yrs., a member of the Herb Kohl Scholarship selection committee since its inception, longtime member of the Wisconsin Newspaper Association serving on the Board of Directors, President of the Northeast District of the Wisconsin Newspaper Association for 2 terms, and co-founder of the Wisconsin Offset Central Printing Plant which was later sold to Brown County Publishing and serves as treasurer for the Brown County Publishers Board of Directors.

Robert has been recognized for his years of service and dedication. Robert becomes the last charter member to the OFHS Wall of Fame.