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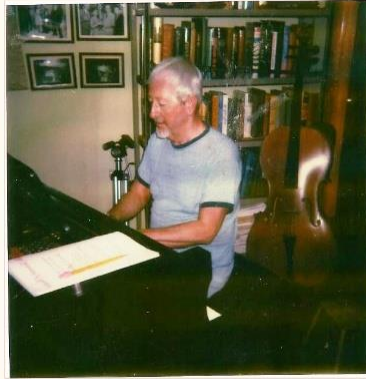
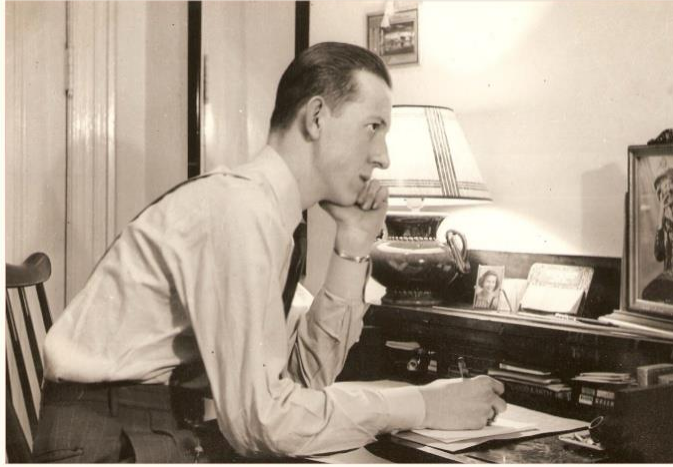
**HONORING OUR ESTEEMED ALUMNI FOR THEIR CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS AND SERVICE TO THE
COMMUNITY**

CHARLES RASELY

Serving as a music teacher and choir director for the Oneida City School District from 1962-1980, Mr. Rasely's influence on his students, both private and in the classroom, is ongoing and extensive. Several have gone on to study music and many developed a lifelong love of music due to Mr. Rasely's passionate enthusiasm.



**CHARLES
RASELY**

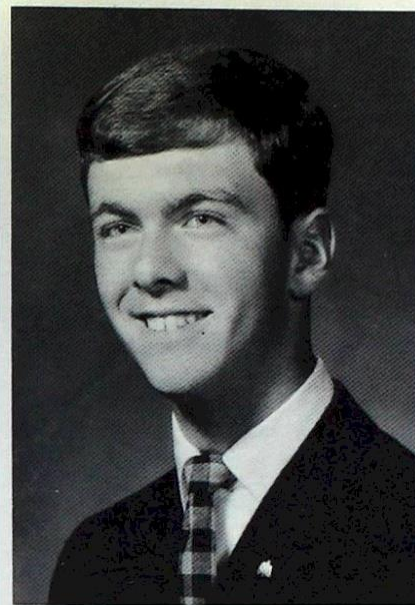


DENNIS MCDERMOTT

CLASS OF 1968

Dennis McDermott has served as County Court Judge of Madison County since 2001. Dennis also served as Madison County Supreme Court Justice 2006 - 2007, and 2009 - 2015. From 2005 - 2019 Dennis served on a team of judges that began the Family Treatment Program to assist parents found to have neglected their children - helping them overcome their dependency on alcohol and illegal substances.

Dennis is a member of the NYS County Judges' Association, past President and Trustee of St. Patrick's Church, a 46 year member and Past President of the Oneida Rotary Club, Paul Harris Fellow, and member and chairperson of the District 7150 Youth Exchange Committee.



Dennis Kevin McDermott

"Denny"

"Happiness is where you find it, and I know where to look."

Band 2; Dramatic Club 3,4; Masquers' Society 3,4; Black Masquers' 4; Yearbook Staff 4; Livewire 4; IRC 4; Colgate Seminar 4; Sadie Hawkins Committee; Student Guest of Rotary.

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MCDERMOTT



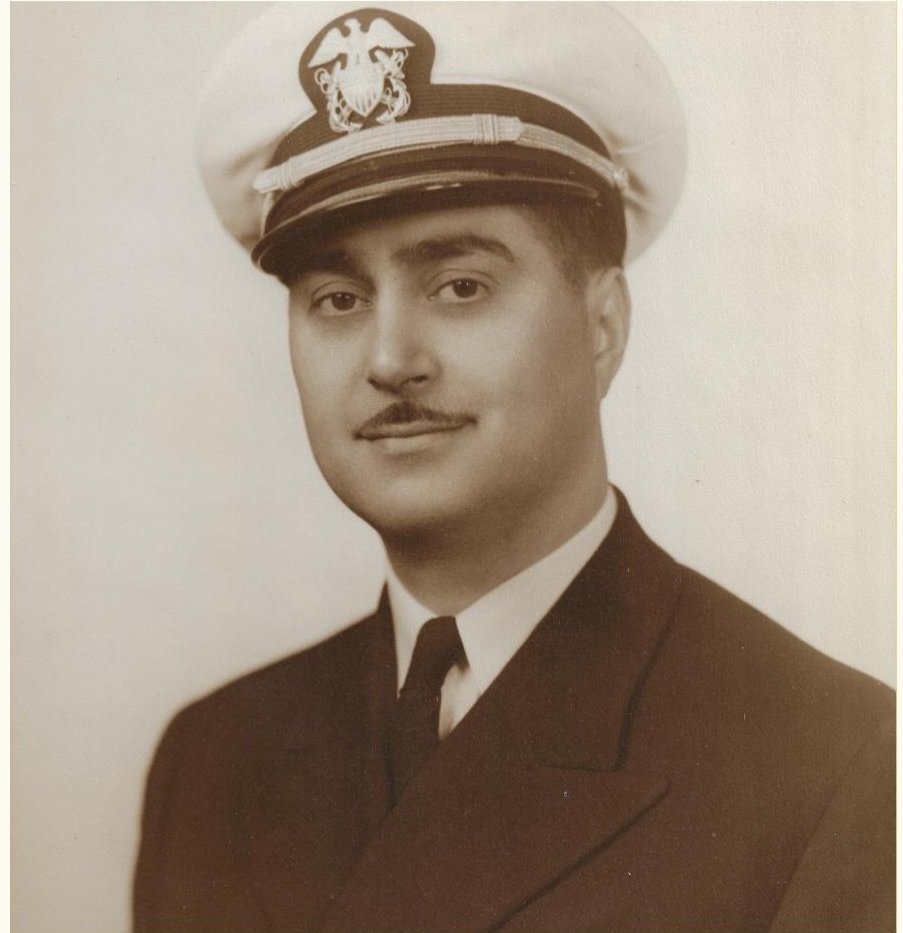
PAUL FERRARA

CLASS OF 1924

Dr. Paul A. Ferrara's life was one of accomplishments as a hardworking student, devoted and caring physician, valorous Navy officer plus his extraordinary and inspirational community involvement. He served on the staffs at Oneida and Lenox Memorial Hospitals.

Dr. Ferrara also was the local welfare doctor, the school physician and he volunteered hundreds of hours to area blood banks and health clinics.

In 1976 he was presented the Roses for the Living Award by the Canastota Rotary Club. The members unanimously awarded him because of the unselfish humanitarian manner he practiced medicine.



PAUL FERRARA



Dr. Ferrara celebrates 90 years

CANASTOTA — Dr. Paul Ferrara of 138 Chapel Street will celebrate his 90th birthday on Oct. 27.

A native of Canastota, he was the son of Raffaele and Maria Ferrara. He spent his early years there before the family moved to Onondaga, where he graduated from Onondaga High School.

A graduate of Colgate University, Dr. Ferrara completed his medical degree from the University of Rochester in 1932. In 1934, he returned to Canastota and opened his practice as a family physician, from which he retired in 1991 after 57 years. His long and distinguished career was temporarily interrupted by military service during World War II.

In 1936, Dr. Ferrara married the late Rosanne Maurer in Salamanca. Their family includes a son, Rolle of Onondaga and



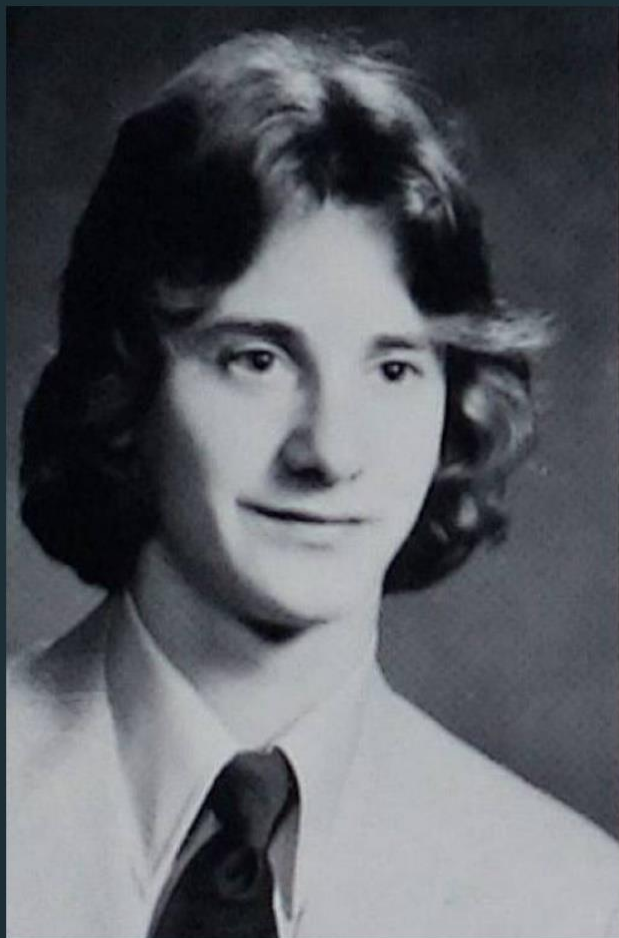
Dr. Paul Ferrara Celebrates 90th birthday
a daughter Rosanne Holbrook of Spencerport. A son, Paul, is deceased.

ceased. Dr. Ferrara enjoys leisurely retirement reading, watching television and spending time with his children, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He maintains an avid interest in the current events of medicine, sports, our nation and the community.

On Sunday, Oct. 29, a surprise reception will be held in the parish center of St. Agatha's Church at noon immediately following a Mass of Thanksgiving requested by his family.

Friends and associates of Dr. Ferrara from the community as well as parishioners are cordially invited to come and wish him a happy birthday. The presence and prayers of well-wishers are the most treasured gifts, and are all that is requested.





DEAN DURKEE

CLASS OF 1980

Dean has focused his career on the dam engineering industry as a geotechnical and dam safety engineer. He began his professional career working on closure plans for uranium mill tailings storage facilities, and later working on nearly every type of dam throughout the US. Dean regularly provides dam safety training to engineers and dam owners throughout the US and internationally and is sought after as a guest speaker around the world to advocate for dam safety.

DEAN
DURKEE





NORMA LUCE

Norma Luce, retired Middle School Band Teacher from Oneida City School District in 1992. Norma served on the Madison County Music Educators Association as well as involved in the New York State School Music Association. During her 32 years of service to the OCSD, she encouraged fellow music teachers to participate in the Madison County Music Association, as well as promoting student participation in NYSSMA solo festival competition and other NYSSMA activities.

Oneida is well known for its impressive music programs. This only happens with the support of everyone--administration, faculty, parents, and students. Norma is proud to have been a part of it. Norma retired from the Oneida City School District in 1992.