



## **Gary A. Wilson '63 (deceased)**

Gary was a 1963 graduate of Averill Park High School. After graduation Gary enlisted in the United States Air Force. After serving his country, he received an honorable discharge and came back to reside in Rensselaer County. Gary is survived by his brother Carl, his son William John and his longtime companion Leota Geerholt.

At Averill Park Gary was a three-sport athlete. He played basketball, football and baseball. He was voted "Most Athletic" in his class by his peers. He was a member of Student Council as a sophomore, was Varsity Club Vice President as a junior and senior and a member of the yearbook staff as a senior. Many of Gary's accolades came as a basketball player. Gary was co-captain his senior year and an all area team member. Most noteworthy, he is currently the 3rd all-time leading scorer in Averill Park boys basketball history with 1,284 points.

Gary died suddenly in 2004. At that time, the school district was faced with enormous budget cuts. Gary's family directed that all memorial contributions be made to the Averill Park Athletic Booster Club. These contributions to the Averill Park athletic program epitomized Gary's life mantra "life without sports is not life."

