

Terry R. Sharrow

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Terry Sharrow is a member of the Class of 1963, which is the first class to graduate from Southern Columbia Area High School. The onset of the 1962-63, school year, was a tough period of transition for many of Terry's classmates. The jointure brought together three school communities, each of them carrying long histories of tradition, pride and identity. Letting go of the past was difficult for many of the students most of whom entered through the doors of the new high school toting class rings claiming allegiance to their old hallowed schools. Only two members of the former Catawissa High School decided to choose class rings proclaiming Southern as their new school- Terry was one of them. Terry's classmates elected him Class President and he took his responsibilities seriously. He was a major unifying influence on how the segmented student body might become one. Instead of clinging to the past and refusing to move forward, Terry showed his classmates by example, how this could be done.

Terry was an involved student who has a strong history of firsts at Southern. Besides serving as first class president, he was the first varsity club president and the first basketball player to score a basket during a game in the gym. It was no secret that Terry loves sports and while in high school he participated in basketball, baseball and soccer. A little known fact is that Terry also played clarinet in the school band. He served on student council, the school newspaper, yearbook staff and drama club. His popularity was acknowledged even further when he was elected the first Prom King at the new school. According to Terry's classmate, the Reverend James H. Fetterman, "His example was contagious." Under Terry's leadership "the spirit of a new school was born."

After graduation, Terry enrolled at Bloomsburg State College and earned a B.S. in Business Education in 1967 and a Master's of Education in 1970.

Terry began his teaching career in 1967, at Manheim Central. In 1969, he was hired at his alma mater and remained there for the next for 44 years. While at Southern, he served as Chairman of the Business Education Department and helped establish the FBLA club and the High School's cooperative education program.

Terry served Southern Columbia Area as an Athletic Director for 25 years. "He loved teaching, he loved competing in sports, but his greatest love," according to his son, Todd Sharrow, "was being Athletic Director for the school that he loves." Terry is a registered Athletic Administrator, a member of the Pennsylvania Athletic Directors Association and the National Interscholastic Athletic Administration Association.

Terry is an inductee of the Bernie Romanoski Hall of Fame. Besides the aforementioned experiences, he was a member of Bloomsburg State College's only State Championship Baseball Team. He coached varsity football, basketball and baseball and also served as a PIAA baseball and basketball official.

Terry is a community staple and a model citizen. Through the years he has coached midget football, Little League baseball, served as a Scoutmaster for Cub Scouts and Boys Scouts, served as treasurer of the Borough of Catawissa, and is an active member of St. Luke Lutheran Church in Bloomsburg.

Terry and his wife, the former Lou Ann Epstein, also from the Class of 1963, have been married 47 years. They are the proud parents and grandparents of three sons and daughters-in-law and six grandchildren: Tim (Class of 1986) and Yvette and their children Ty and Tate; Tom (Class of 1988) and Polly (a SCA teacher) and their children Alec, Addison and Andrew; and Todd (Class of 1996) and Nicole and their child Soren.