

Paul Baker Memorial Scholarship Continues Legacy of Service



Local residents may remember Paul Baker as a science teacher at Winamac Middle or High School, as principal of all three Winamac schools, or as superintendent at Caston. He was also a key volunteer in supportive organizations like the Pulaski County Community Foundation, Four County Counseling Center, Pulaski County Public Library, and Bethel Bible Church. Paul was a mentor and encourager, and regularly went above and beyond sharing his time, talent and resources.

A farmer most of his life, Paul helped establish the watershed protection plan in the Lake Bruce watershed district. Co-founder of the Pulaski County Recycling project, he also helped found the first Federal Credit Union for local teachers. Members of numerous community service programs and church organizations will recall his always willing and enthusiastic attitude.

Having fought an ongoing battle with cancer, Paul passed away late in 2011. Wife Sue wanted to find a way to honor Paul's memory and share with the community he loved. She realized her goal through the establishment of the **Paul Baker Memorial Scholarship** in the Community Foundation in 2013. Sue knew he believed in the Foundation, and that the scholarship fund would preserve his legacy and benefit the community at the same time.

The scholarship will provide financial assistance to Winamac High School graduates majoring in Science or Education. It will be renewable throughout the student's college years, offering sustained support for a deserving student.