



GILMANTON HIGH SCHOOL

# Alumni Spotlight

**Graduate: Charles Henry Michaels**  
**Class of 1952**

**After High School:** U.S. Army; Buffalo County Teachers College, Diploma; UW-Eau Claire, B.S. Education; University of Wyoming, M.E.D. Psychology, Counseling & Guidance; University of Northern Colorado, E.D.D. Administration, School, Learning Disabilities; University of Minnesota, Post Doctoral Work

### **Career Information:**

Stoddard Public Schools- 1956-57, Principal and teacher; Cassian-Woodboro Public School- 1957-59, Principal and teacher; Alma Public Schools- 1959-70, Principal, teacher, guidance counselor, school psychologist and substitute bus driver; Winona Public Schools- 1970-85, School Psychologist and Asst. Director of Hiawatha Valley Special Education Services; Winona Public Schools- 1985-96, Director of Special Education Services, Director of School Transportation, Nursing and Health Services, and English as a Second Language; Winona State University- 1996-2006, Adjunct professor of Special Education.

**Career Highlights:** Selected as one of two psychologists world wide by the U.S. Department of Defense Military Dependents Schools. Assigned to provide psychological services to the U.S. Military students in eleven military schools located in the northern half of West Germany, including Berlin. Elected treasurer for the European Assoc. of American School Psychologists covering Germany, Spain and England. Inducted into the National Honor Fraternity for Psychologist (Psy-Chi) at the University of Northern Colorado in 1977.

**Other Areas of Accomplishment:** A charter member of the Alma Lions Club, receiving the Melvin Jones Award and serving twice as President. Membership in the Alma American Legion for over 40 years and Post 224 Commander three times. A life member of the Alma Rod & Gun Club. Served on the Alma City Council for 9 years and the Alma Board of Education for 6 years. Twice President of the St. John Lutheran Church Council.

**Current Information:** Living in Oak Valley on 200 acres of woods and hills with my wife of 62 years, the former Janet Moy. Our three children live in Lubbock, TX, Pardeville, WI, and Shakopee, MN. I attend church, Legion and Lions meetings, cook a few meals for 70-400 people and play cards. I also have 7 classic Allis Chalmers tractors.

**Strengths of Gilmanton High School:** All of the school personnel: teachers, principal, custodian, cooks, bus drivers. They all served as support staff.

**Fond Memories:** The enjoyment and close association of my classmates. My proudest memory was receiving my diploma, certifying my graduation from Gilmanton High School.

## Advice to Current Students:

**“ Try to be serious about the education opportunities available to you, consider very strongly the advice given to you by people with experience and those in authority, i.e. parents, school staff, friends, relatives and neighbors.**

**Don't fight the system.**

**Make mistakes, but not the same mistake twice. ”**