

### Herb Davidson Athletic Scholarship

Herbert 'Herbie' P. Davidson was born on September 2, 1928 in Peru, Indiana. He was the son of Samuel and Louise (Adamson) Davidson and grew up with two sisters and four brothers. He graduated from Walkerton High School in 1946, and while he was in high school he enjoyed playing basketball and running track. At the age of 15, he also played for the semi-pro South Bend baseball team, despite being heavily recruited for the Chicago Cubs. Even though he loved the sport dearly, he never attended a Cubs tryout. Herbie was a decorated World War II veteran as well, serving in the U.S. Army from October 1946 to March 1948. He later married the love of his life, Janyce Peterson Davidson, and they shared in their life's journeys together until her passing on August 18, 2010. He was a member of the Leroy Shelton American Legion Post No. 36, the Elks, Eagles, and Moose fraternal lodges of Rochester, and was a lifetime member of the Mishawaka V.F.W. post. Herbie was one of the founders of a collaborative fiberglass corporation, Brown and Davidson. He collaborated with Les Brown and his brother Donald Davidson to form the company to help provide the RV industry with shower and tub units. The company was successful, expanding to 10 locations as exclusive providers to Coachman Industries and others. Herbie had many hobbies, including hunting, golfing, and adding to his unique collection of classic cars, speed boats, and motorcycles. The most important thing in his life, though, was his family. He especially enjoyed spending time hunting, fishing, and golfing with his younger brother, Russ. They were inseparable, and they were always there for each other. He and Russ were also loyal supporters of Rochester Zebra sports teams. Herbie always tried to live his life with great compassion for his fellow man and others less fortunate. He conveyed acts of kindness assisting friends and sometimes strangers whom he befriended.

To be considered for the Herb Davidson Memorial Athletic Scholarship, students must be a graduated senior of Rochester High School planning to attend an accredited college, university, trade, or vocational school. Applicants must also be involved in basketball or football programs with preference given to basketball. Some preference will be given to a student that has been involved all four years of their high school career. Students must also show extracurricular activities and/or work history (paid or volunteer) as well as being deserving of financial assistance.