

Walter Rdenour

Walter B. Ridenour graduated from Martinsburg High School in 1937. He began attending MHS in his 11th grade year after graduating top of his 10th grade class at Marlowe School. At which time, a bus system to Martinsburg High School was provided for the residents of Marlow area. Because Walter valued his education, it made his three mile trek to the bus stop easier for him to bear each morning. His day began at 3:30am to help with chores on the family's 420-acre farm and he helped with more chores in the evening after returning home from school at 6:10pm. Each day, this determined young student, endured all elements his 6mile journey to receive his Martinsburg High School diploma. While at Marlowe School, Walter participated in basketball but was unable to pay at Martinsburg High School due to responsibilities at home and no source of transportation.

After high school, Walter served his country in the Army-Air Force during World War II, graduated from Fargo, North Dakota, Army Administration School and when he returned home, enlisted in the reserves. Upon his return, Walter started working at The Old national Bank as a messenger. He stayed at Old national for 47 years starting as a Messenger-Bookkeeper, working through all departments before being promoted to Executive Vice President and Cashier. Walter was a very loyal and dedicated employee. He became a Director at the Farmers and Mechanics Insurance Company in 1981 and continues in that capacity today.

Walter met his wife, Vivian, at Martinsburg High School. They had one child, Anita, who graduated from Martinsburg High School in 1979. Anita married Larry Cooper- Martinsburg High School Graduate of 1974.