

## **Rosilyn (Theisen) '53 and Bill Buschle '50 named Alumni of the Year**

For their life-long commitment to Catholic schools and churches, and their strong connection to Sacred Heart Academy, Rosilyn (Theisen) '53 and Bill Buschle '50 have been awarded Alumni of the Year honors. The two will be recognized during Homecoming festivities September 25, 2020 in Mt. Pleasant.



After high school, Bill served in the U.S. Army in Korea. He returned and enrolled at Central Michigan University, where Rosy was also a student. They were married at Sacred Heart Church in 1956. Bill's work took them to Muskegon and Owosso. The couple was happy to move to Alma in 1974, where they reside today.

They have five children and 15 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren and have always been supportive of faith-based education. Rosy was a music teacher and religious education teacher at St. Mary's Elementary School/Parish in Alma (now Nativity of Our Lord Parish). She is also a church organist. Bill, a member of the Knights of Columbus, also served as a reader and Eucharistic minister at church.

The Buschles have been active in the local prison ministry. They volunteer for funeral dinners and soup luncheons and lead Catholic book studies. They served as Godparents and confirmation sponsors for numerous young people over the years.

Their SHA friendships and connections have remained strong. "The further someone gets from SHA, in miles or in years, the more important Sacred Heart becomes," Rosy said, adding that they appreciate the alumni award because Sacred Heart Academy means much to them. "We have much gratitude for the Dominican nuns who taught us," she said.