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WALL OF FAME
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DANIEL F. WESSLEY

Daniel F. Wessley was born October 10, 1933 in Spruce, WI. He graduated from OFHS in 1951 and immediately enlisted in the US Navy. Stationed aboard the USS Black DD666, he saw duty in waters around the world including the Korean Conflict. Upon discharge from military service he enrolled in the College of Agriculture at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, majoring in Microbiology. He completed his undergraduate degree in 1958, a Masters in 1960, and his PhD in 1962.

Dan began his career with Miles Laboratories in Elkhart, IN as a Research Microbiologist. In 1968 when Miles constructed a new facility to house the Bacterial Culture Plant in Madison, WI, Dan transferred to become the manager of that operation. He continued as Plant Manager through several plant expansions. Dan's strong interest in Research and Development brought him full circle and in 1988 he returned to that area until his retirement in 1994. He now resides in Wautoma, WI where fishing, hunting, and gardening occupy much of his time.

Dan has been active in community affairs for many years while residing in Madison and Wautoma. These involved organized youth athletic leagues, Boy Scouts, Optimist Club, and the Lions Club. He has been a member of several professional organizations which include American Society of Microbiologists, American Dairy Science Association, American Chemical Society, and American Society of Industrial Microbiology. He has given meeting presentations, submitted articles for journal publications, and held offices for some of these organizations.

Dan becomes the first OFHS Wall of Fame inductee from the class of 1951.