



1967 Wattsburg grad Gary Combs put Bobcat basketball in the spotlight, being the first Bobcat player to score over 1000 points. He stood at the head of a long line of Combs family members who dominated the courts for Wattsburg. Gary's ability to elude his defender and score from anywhere made the Bobcats a force to be reckoned with in Erie County play. Gary lettered every year in senior high and was selected to play in the Erie County All-Star basketball game. In 10th grade he participated in what remains as one of the top scoring games, ever in District 10 with a total of 222 points. Gary went on to play for Kansas State, however a serious on-court collision with another player at the scorer's table ended his basketball career. Basketball wasn't the only sport in which Gary excelled, lettering in his junior and senior years in Bobcat football. Gary proved to be a leader off the courts too, as a member of the Bobcat Varsity Club and Student Council Vice President. After many years out of school, dealing with that hip injury, which was also aggravated by a diagnosed childhood hip problem he had been born with, Gary finally got that successful hip replacement he waited so long to get. With a long career in the transportation industry, he now enjoys driving his sports car around, playing the links in Kentucky and even got his hole in one in May of 2012. When he's not playing a round or two of golf, Gary enjoys spending time with his two kids and two grandchildren.