**RALPH GILE**

**CLASS OF 1940**

 **Ralph “Pinky” Gile graduated from York in 1940, but his contributions to the York Athletic Program really began in the late 1960’s when he became involved with the Athletic Boosters and announcing games. He was known for the following:**

1. **Ralph was President of the York Athletic Boosters for many years.**
2. **In the years when the football field was located on Organug Road, he rose up early on the morning of home games to help prepare the field.**
3. **He was instrumental in getting the original tower, which was dedicated in his name, built on the new football field,**
4. **He announced almost every home Football game, Basketball game, and Track Meet for over two decades.**
5. **He coined the phrase “Let’s hear it for the Wildcats” which is still recognized with a banner in the rafters at the gymnasium.**
6. **Upon his death, a celebration of his life was held in true Ralph Gile fashion to a standing room only crowd in the high school gymnasium.**

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