



B. Giles Brophy '54



B. Giles Brophy was born in New York City, New York on May 30, 1937. His family moved to Bay Shore in the fall of 1947. Giles attended All Hallows grammar school (Irish Christian Brothers) through the eighth grade. Upon graduation he attended Seton Hall High School for one year then transferred to Bay Shore High School as a sophomore. While at Bay Shore he played varsity football and tennis and graduated in 1954. His roots to Bay Shore remain deep as two of his sons still live there. Giles' father, a labor leader, was instrumental, along with Andrew Melton Sr., in forming the Democratic Party in Suffolk County.

Upon graduating from Bay Shore, he attended Bucknell University for one year, then volunteered for the draft and spent two years in the United States Army. After being discharged, he attended Hofstra University and graduated with a bachelors degree in 1960. He joined First National City Bank of New York and became the youngest Vice President in their history while running the bank's Trading Department. He pursued his graduate degree during evening hours at the New York University Graduate School of Business. He left FNCB to form First Pennco Securities, which became one of the largest dealers in fixed income securities during the 1970's. In 1980 he left First Pennco to form Brophy, Gestal, Knight, another large fixed income dealer with offices in New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Tokyo and London. He sold the company in 1988 to Sanwa Bank of Japan. In 1990, he founded Brophy Asset Management (aka Giles Securities) where he worked until 2001. At this time, he is contemplating returning to the securities industry.

Giles has served on the Executive Committee of the Public Securities Advisory Board and the Municipal Bond Club of New York City, and has lectured at New York University Graduate School of Business and the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. In addition, he has served as Chairman of Ducks Unlimited, New York Chapter. He is the proud recipient of the Estabrook Award as an outstanding Alumni of Hofstra University.

Among his outside interests are golf, hunting and horse breeding. He was fortunate enough to have the best herd of Holstein Dairy cattle in the world. He has also campaigned a number of thoroughbred graded stakes winners, the best of which was Kentucky Derby winner Strike the Gold.

Giles is the father of six children; Bernard, Eric, Moira, Steven, Andrew and Christopher. He resides in New York City and Westhampton Beach and is married to Patricia Rohrbaugh, a native of St. Petersburg, Florida.