



J. Stewart McLaughlin '55

Born on January 22, 1938, at Southside Hospital in Bay Shore, N.Y., J. Stewart McLaughlin attended the Fifth Avenue School and the Bay Shore High School. Upon graduation, he attended Brown University and the Cornell University Law School, graduating in 1962. He was admitted to practice law in that year and worked for almost two years at MONY, in the Law Department in N.Y.C. During that time, he obtained a Master of Laws degree in taxation from New York University.

In June of 1964, he returned to Bay Shore and became associated with the firm of Hargrave, Williams, Wellersdieck, and McLaughlin. He remains the successor Law Firm and has a general practice of law as a sole practitioner at 350 East Main Street, in Bay Shore.

His community interests have included Southside Hospital where he has served on the Board of Directors for over 20 years, including time as Chairman of the Board. He has also served on the Board of Directors of Dowling College, and has been a member of the Board of Directors of Oakwood Cemetery for 20 years, and serving during that time as President. In addition, he has been a member of the Bay Shore Rotary Club for almost 40 years and has served as President for 3 separate terms. A life long member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, he has served as Warden and Vestry member.

As a result of his involvement at Southside Hospital, he served as a member of the Board of the N. Y. S. Hospital Trustees, a member of the Board of the Hospital Association of New York State, as well as the Board of Directors of the North Shore-LIJ Health System.

He resides in Brightwaters with his wife, Laura and they have a daughter, Molly Elizabeth McLaughlin, a 1999 graduate of Bay Shore High School and present senior at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York. Mr. McLaughlin's strong roots in the community were superseded by those of his family. His father, Warde G. McLaughlin was Principal of the Bay Shore High School from the opening of the present building in 1939 until his retirement in 1962. His grandfather, John Stewart opened the Bay Shore Seafood Market on Main St. in 1901. Regretfully, fish did not have the shelf life of baked goods, and we all know the rest of that story!