



**Ralph J. Elliott**  
**(1906 – 1998)**

Ralph J. Elliott graduated from Grove City College, Pennsylvania in 1930 and came to Bay Shore that same year to begin his career as an educator and coach. He taught Science, Math, and Biology until 1955 when he became an Assistant Superintendent of Schools. He served in this administrative position until his retirement in 1966. During his tenure, he successfully coached the varsity and junior varsity basketball teams through 24 seasons.

As a Bay Shore resident, Mr. Elliott supervised Saturday and evening basketball programs and coached local community teams. He also served as a member of the Rotary Club, was chairman of a local Salvation Army unit, became president of our Chamber of Commerce, and taught Sunday School at the Bay Shore Congregational Church.

Mr. Elliott was chosen as one of the first 20 members to enter the Suffolk Sports Hall of Fame. He was also honored in 1990 when the Bay Shore High School gymnasium and scoreboard were named after him. Mr. Elliott, affectionately known as “coach,” is best remembered as a role model. He was a humble, honorable, and extremely warm man who was totally dedicated to his students and his profession. Former Superintendent of Schools Crescent Bellamore, referred to Mr. Elliott as “a magnificent teacher and coach and an excellent administrator...a living legend in Bay Shore.”

His compassionate, fair, and understanding approach to education earned him a place in the hearts of those he has touched over the years. Mr. Elliott once stated that “All the good we send out to others eventually comes back to be our own.”