

FRANK X. BRIANTE

Frank X. Briante, Class of 1923, who passed away in 1991, was a local community leader who served as President of the White Plains Board of Education during a period of rapid expansion of the school system.

A lifelong resident of White Plains, Mr. Briante graduated from the “old” White Plains High School on Main Street and received his bachelor’s degree in engineering from New York University in 1928. At NYU he captained the football team and was named an All-American after breaking famed running back Red Grange’s collegiate rushing record. After graduation he played professional football for the Staten Island Stapeltons.

Mr. Briante worked for the Colonial Sand and Stone Company for 50 years, retiring in 1975 as Vice President and General Manager.

He was elected to the White Plains Board of Education for two five year terms from 1951 to 1961, serving as President for seven years during a period of significant enrollment growth and expansion of facilities. Church Street and Ridgeway Schools and the “new” high school on North Street were built during his tenure.

Active in a wide range of organizations, Mr. Briante was an exalted ruler of the White Plains Elks, a Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, chaired many fund drives for the local American Red Cross, and served on several committees for St. Agnes Hospital and the City of White Plains.

Mr. Briante was one of the first inductees into the Westchester County Sports Hall of Fame and is also a member of the NYU Hall of Fame and the New York Touchdown Club.

Mr. Briante and his wife Dorothy, Class of 1929, had four children, three of whom graduated from White Plains High School.