

Donald R. Blydenburg was born in Kings Park, attended St. Joseph's Elementary School and then went across town to St. Anthony's. Winding his way through the college years he finished with a law degree from Hofstra University. His rapid trip through law school gave him impetus to soon be in the Suffolk County Attorney's Office.

Then, through a special election, he was elected to the Suffolk County Legislature. He chaired the Education Committee which took care of Suffolk Community College among a bevy of educational sites. He moved on to the New York State Supreme Court, where he served for 14 years. He then returned to private practice.

Donald Blydenburgh spent nearly 40 years of his life in the field of "letters": The "letters" of Smithtown, the "letters" of Suffolk County, and the "letters" of the State of New York. Education and justice were his chief subjects. He did this with class, dignity and gentleness. He used "letters" to make life more comfortable and safe.