

King Van Nostrand '51

King Van Nostrand was born in Bay Shore in 1934 and attended the Bay Shore public schools. While in high school, King excelled in basketball and tennis. He was Long Island High School Singles Tennis Champion in 1950 and 1951 and Long Island High School Doubles Champion in 1949 and 1950, with brother Allan as his partner.

Mr. Van Nostrand graduated from Bay Shore in 1951 and attended S.U.N.Y. at Cortland. After obtaining his teaching degree in 1956, he served four years in the United States Navy.

He returned to Bay Shore in 1960 to begin his teaching career in Mathematics. Besides teaching, Mr. Van Nostrand coached the Junior Varsity Tennis team from 1960 to 1977. He also coached two NCAA All-Americans and many nationally ranked adult tennis players.

While teaching and coaching, Mr. Van Nostrand continued to compete competitively on both national and international levels. His winning record includes 35 US National Senior Tennis championships, five World Senior Individual Tennis championships and seven World Senior Team Tennis championships.

He is a member of the Suffolk County Sports Hall of Fame, the Cortland C-Club Hall of Fame, the Long Island Sports Hall of Fame, the Eastern Tennis Association Hall of Fame, and the International Club.

Mr. Van Nostrand married Yvonne Lyons of Kings Park in 1950 and had four children, King Jr., John, Jane (Wilkey), and Molly (Rice), all of whom are graduates of Bay Shore High School. King still competes internationally in senior tennis to this day.