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Lawrence E. Bish

Class of 1950



Lawrence "Mike" Bish, a native of Butler, Pa., was a four-year letterman in football and basketball at Grove City College while he pursued his engineering studies. Together with post-graduate work at the University of Pittsburgh, his education enabled him to assume various positions in research, personnel, industrial relations and manufacturing management with Armstrong Cork Company of Lancaster, Pa.

He held several administrative posts with Thomasville Furniture Industries (Thomasville, N.C.), a subsidiary of Armstrong Cork, and in 1979 was named the company's president. He served as general manager of the Thomasville Division of Armstrong as well.

Bish used his leadership qualities to aid other organizations as well. He was chairman of the board of trustees of the Community General Hospital of Thomasville and vice chairman of its Housing Authority. In addition to serving as director of the Thomasville United Way and the Thomasville branch of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, he also assisted the board of deacons of the First Presbyterian Church in his community.

Additional study: University of Pittsburgh