

HALL OF ACHIEVEMENT

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Pastor Roy S. Kirton

Class of 1969

Roy fondly remembers Mr. O'Connell leading the students from Copiague Middle School to Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School on its opening day. A poignant memory is Mr. O'Connell, grieving the death of his son, Daniel, presenting graduates with their diplomas. Graduating in accounting at Adelphi Business School and earning an A.A.S. Degree from Suffolk County Community College, he joined the Suffolk County Federal Savings & Loan Association where he became a Vice President. In 1984, Roy became a partner in Pioneer Services, Inc., and Pioneer Portfolio Corp., where he is currently the President and sole owner.

Along with his professional achievements, Roy established an active role in his church. In 1981 he was ordained a minister. From 1982 to 1997 he served in various pastoral positions at the Zion Gospel Church in Copiague which include that of Senior Pastor. With his wife Francine, they started the Circle of Love Ministry in Amityville. Their focus is to reach those hurting people outside church walls through their prison ministry, food pantry and other activities. Roy has been married for twenty-seven years and has two children.

“Only one life so soon it will pass; only what’s done for Christ will last.”