

Stewart “Turk” Laidlow

The late Stewart William “Turk” Laidlow was a 1942 graduate of Martinsburg High School. Turk participated in basketball, football and track all four years while at Martinsburg High School. He was named to the All-Sectional Basketball team his senior year. Turk won the State pole vault in 1942 using a bamboo pole. He earned a full scholarship to Syracuse University, where he played football. He was bestowed with the most promising athlete award his freshman year at Syracuse.

Unfortunately, World War II cut short his college football career. He served three years as a first class signalman in the South Pacific. He is survived by his wife Mary Sullivan Laidlow and three children, Mark, Scott and Elizabeth.