

## **Remembering Jack Sullivan**

John "Jack" Sullivan, 90, of Wellesley, MA and Center Harbor, NH passed away on September 18, 2018.

Jack was well known by members of the fastener industry and spent many years promoting quality standards and technical issues as a member of the NFDA and NEFDA. Elected to the Fastener Hall of Fame in 1988, Jack began his career in the fastener industry in 1960 when he co-founded Accurate Fasteners of Boston, MA with Jack O'Donoghue, his childhood friend. He went on to lead Accurate Fasteners as President and Board Chair for its first 50 years. During this time Jack served as a Director of the NFDA (1981-1984), reported to the membership as technical rep for many years, and represented the fastener distributor industry in hearings before the US Congress in the development of the Fastener Quality Act of 1999.

Jack was also active with his regional fastener association, the New England Fastener Distributor Association (NEFDA). He was a founding member and first President of the NEFDA in 1979 and was elected to the regional Hall of Fame in 1996.

Known as "Quiet Jack from Boston," Jack could be counted on to provide sound perspective and balanced judgment for fastener distributors, importers and manufacturers, all with a distinctive Boston accent. After the passage of the FQA, Jack participated in industry events promoting and explaining the details of this legislation.

The oldest of five children, Jack grew up in Belmont, MA and graduated from Belmont Hill School and Lowell Textile Institute and studied at Boston University. Jack married Isabelle Lafayette Beausoleil, and they had five children before Isabelle passed away in 1963. Jack married Anne Elcock Sullivan and together they raised seven children and eighteen grandchildren. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Jack's memory to Maryknoll Brothers, P.O. Box 301, Maryknoll, NY 10545-9989.