

# *In Memory of Hugo DiClemente and Ed Walsh*

Two wonderful friends of ours, Ed Walsh and Hugo DiClemente, died last year. The co-founders of DeWal Industries, both were very active and had many close friends in SPI's Fluoropolymers Division and in the fluoropolymers industry. We miss them greatly!

DeWal Industries has been in business since 1974. The company started with just 3 employees and now has about 100. The family owned business produces high quality pressure sensitive tapes and films for electrical and mechanical applications. In recent years, it has been growing 30% annually in volume.

## **Keeping Success in the Family**

Hugo DiClemente and Ed Walsh had owned and successfully run DeWal for 17 years, when they gathered their sons, David and Warren DiClemente and Eric and Ned Walsh and told them they wanted the four to eventually run DeWal. To make the eventual transition smoother, they brought in Terry Miller, another great friend of FPD, to serve as Vice President and General Manager while the four sons gained the experience they needed to take over. So Ed and Hugo have not only been wonderful friends to many but also wise fathers.

The four sons and Terry are a good team. Tim Walsh, another son and owner of Jeneet, has been very active in FPD, and we are already seeing a lot of this new generation in FPD and Fluoropolymer Industry events. We miss Ed and Hugo, but

we wish the new family team at DeWal good health and success.

Here are some of the family stats on Hugo and Ed:



*Hugo DiClemente*

**HUGO J. DICLEMENTE**, the President and co-founder of DeWal Industries died at age 73. He was the husband of the late **Esther DiClemente**. Born in Providence, a son of the late Nicola and Ginevra DiClemente, he had lived in East Greenwich before moving to Saunderstown 14 years ago. Mr. DiClemente was the President of DeWal Industries for 26 years and a member of the Rhode Island Manufacturers Association and the Society of Plastic Industries. He was a Coast Guard veteran and a graduate of Bryant College.

He leaves two sons, **David DiClemente** of Saunderstown and **Warren DiClemente** of

Narragansett; two daughters, Kathy A. Dowdell of Los Altos, CA, and Jennifer A. Lane of Bolton, MA; and 11 grandchildren.

**EDWARD B. WALSH**, a cofounder and CEO of DeWal, died at age 72. He was the husband of Jane Walsh. Born in New Haven, Conn, he lived in East Greenwich for 32 years. From 1989 to 1991, he was the chairman of the The Society of Plastics Industry, Fluoropolymers Division. In addition, he served a four-year term as a member of the Board of Directors of the Society of Plastics Industry. He graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1950, and attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy N.Y. Besides his wife, he leaves 3 sons, **Ned, Timothy, and Eric Walsh**, a daughter, **Eileen Fitz**, and 10 grandchildren. **FN**



*Ed Walsh*