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Donald H. MacManus dies December 10th

We are saddened to report the death of former RMFDA executive Don MacManus. He served this Association for nearly 10 years as Executive Director from 1975-85 and as its lobbyist and Field Director in the 1960s period.

Don was elected four times to the Colorado Senate, serving a total of 16 years. His leadership positions included ranking member of the Senate Judiciary Committee and Democratic Whip.

Prior to his death he was employed as Director of Western Operations for the Food Marketing Institute. He held sales positions with Libby McNeil, J.A. Sharoff Co.

Almost every year from 1976 to 1986 Don's influence helped to defeat mandatory deposit legislative proposals. In 1982 the industry was faced with a "Bottle Bill" ballot initiative and Don made sure that RMFDA played a major role in its resounding defeat.

Both the City of Denver and the Colorado Legislature tried to pass mandatory item price marking legislation on several occasions, and he led the industry opposition to successful defeat. Through the years he helped shape and pass bad check and shoplifting laws and many other laws benefitting our industry.

Through his efforts, RMFDA opened a Wyoming office and provided direct legislative lobbying for the first time in that state on issues directly impacting the food industry.

His past industry service included election to the boards of the National Association of Retail Grocers (NARGUS) and the Food Industry Association Executives (FIAE). He served a term as President of FIAE in 1983.

Don is survived by wife Laverna; four children: Jon, Marge Emmerling, Lynn Callison, and Chris; and mother Thelma and grandmother Anna MacManus.



It is hard to say goodbye to an individual who has served long and well for this Association and the food industry, and this was evident at the large gathering of family, friends and associates at his services on Thursday, December 14th.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Laverna MacManus at 6945 Kidder Drive, Denver, CO 80221.