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## William D. Hylwa - In Memoriam

William D. (Bill) Hylwa, 57, of Orange, Connecticut, passed away suddenly on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Bill served as Applications Engineer for Industrial Rivet & Fastener Co., where he had a leadership role in designing and implementing products for a wide range of customers throughout the world. A member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, he was known in the industry as an innovative problem solver who worked with Industrial Rivet executives to provide high-level thinking and deep knowledge of how rivet and fastener applications could best serve customers. Bill brought intelligence and wit to every project. He collaborated closely with internal staff, distributors and manufacturers to create engineering solutions that worked in industries ranging from computers systems, automotive and solar panels to construction and appliances.

“Bill was a valuable contributor to Industrial Rivet & Fastener Co.,” commented fourth generation owner Steven Sherman. “Customers, distributors and our internal staff all loved working with him, and we will miss him a great deal. He brought so much to our company and he was a wonderful friend.” A 40-year industry veteran, he was well-respected by customers, peers and competitors alike. Bill is survived by his wife Rosalie; his mother, Henrietta, and six children.

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