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Edward A. Reilly receives Colorado Roofing Association Lifetime Achievement Award.

The Colorado Roofing Association applauds Ed Reilly as the 2004 winner of the Colorado Roofing Association Lifetime Achievement Award. Reilly is one of the most well-known and beloved members of the roofing industry in Colorado. His influence has spanned the entire country.

Upon his high school graduation, Reilly enlisted in the United States Navy and served for 2 ½ years in the final stages of World War II. After his discharge, he went to Manhattan College in New York and received a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. He married Jane and went to work for Johns Manville Corporation in 1953. He spent 17 years working in and around New York before landing in Denver where he was promoted to Assistant National Sales Manager. During this period, the Reilly's welcomed four children - Ed, Ellen, Chris and Greg.

After 29 years with Manville, including an award in 1974 as its national manager of the year, Reilly took an early retirement offer. Not quite ready for full retirement, he accepted a position at Tamko Roofing Products in 1983. He established the company's goal of creating a presence in the Western United States, and was soon ruling over a 19 state region putting Tamko squarely on the map of the west.   He retired from Tamko in 2001.

Ed Reilly says he has lived and prospered by one simple rule- do not listen to anyone who tells you that you cannot do something; go out and decide for yourself what can or cannot be done. This rule served him well thought his career helping him land large accounts, develop new products and promote his company's to new heights. His professional demeanor, product knowledge, and willingness to work hard on his customers' behalf endeared him to many in the industry.

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