



#### TERENCE MCADAMS '52

Growing up in Springfield Gardens, Queens, young Terry McAdams attended St. Mary Magdalene parochial school from 1941 to 1948, serving daily mass as an altar boy for the good nuns of St. Dominic.

Terry attended Power Memorial Academy from 1948 through 1952, and from there, Hofstra University. While at Hofstra, he worked at Idlewild Airport for an all cargo air carrier by the name of Riddle Airlines. By 1957 he was promoted to Station Manager at Idlewild – the youngest station manager at the airport and possibly in the industry at that time.

After 27 years in the airline business, he started his own company teaching safety in the field of hazardous materials transportation and providing packaging services for the chemical and airlines industries. It's still going strong after 35 years and Terry still actively runs it along with his younger son Kevin.

Around the time of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his graduation from Power, Terry became very involved with the alumni activities. A comment was made how great it would be if Power Memorial Academy could once again march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Terry was determined to get Power back on the Avenue. He approached the parade committee, including its president, John Dunleavy, and received permission for PMA's Alumni to become participants once again. The rest, as they say, is history.

The 2012 Parade will mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Power's return to the line of march.

Terry remains a strong supporter of the Alumni Association and the St. Patrick's Parade, through his spirit and his actions. As Mr. Dunleavy has often stated, Power's alumni represent all that the parade stands for: love of their God and their religious beliefs; love of the Irish heritage; and pride in their former school and the Irish Christian Brothers. That, in a nutshell, is Terry McAdams.