



**2003 Hall of Fame Inductee
Presented in December 2002 Sturbridge, Massachusetts**

**Peter L. Picknelly
Peter Pan Bus Lines, Inc.**

Mr. Picknelly had over 50 years experience in the transit industry, working virtually his entire career in the bus business. He had served as an officer and director of Peter Pan Bus Lines, Travel Time Bus Lines, Travel Line Bus Lines, Springfield School Bus Company, U.S. Bus Lines, American Coach Lines, Sunshine Coach Lines, and Metromovil ACL. He also served for over a decade as President of Springfield Transit Management and Chairman of Transit Express, contract management firms retained by the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority.

Mr. Picknelly served as Director and Past President of the New England Bus Association, a Director of the American Bus Association (ABA), Founder and Chairman of the ABA Marketplace, and a Director of the New England Passenger Transportation Association (NEPTA.) In 1990, he was the recipient of the NETPA "Transportation Person of the Year".

During his tenure as President and CEO of Peter Pan Bus Lines, Mr. Picknelly oversaw dramatic expansion and success of the company. The company had a ten-fold increase in fleet size, and expanded services throughout New England, New York, and the Mid-Atlantic States. New terminals and maintenance facilities were built, transit management contracts were secured and industry-leading vehicle designs and marketing programs were put in place. He also developed associated transportation businesses including Coach Builders, a bus refurbishing/rebuilding company; Peter Pan World Travel, a full-service travel agency; Eastern Leasing, a bus leasing and financing company; and Masswest Insurance, specializing in business insurance including transportation providers.

Mr. Picknelly was a lifelong resident of the City of Springfield, and had been a leader in many civic and non-profit organizations. He served as President of the Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Convention and Visitors Bureau, President of the Springfield Boys Club, and has been a Director and leader of the United Way of Western Massachusetts.

Nomination submitted by Michael Sharff as NEPTA Board of Director member October 10, 2002.

Mr. Picknelly passed away in 2004 at the age of 73 and is missed by his friends and colleagues in the transportation industry. NEPTA is proud to have honored Peter in 2002 as a well deserved NEPTA Hall of Fame Inductee.

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December 2002 Ray Gareau presented Peter Picknelly Sr. with the NEPTA Hall of Fame Award Sturbridge, Massachusetts.