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IGAF WORLDWIDE MOURNS LOSS OF MEMBER FIRM'S MANAGING PARTNER



IGAF Worldwide, a global association of over 140 highly successful independent public accounting firms in 60 countries, announces with deep sorrow the death of our esteemed colleague, Tom Valenti. Tom was the victim of a senseless robbery/shooting in late November 2008 and died of complications resulting from his wounds on January 21.

Tom was highly respected as the Managing Member of Stone Carlie, the IGAF Worldwide member firm in St. Louis, MO, USA. Tom had a distinguished career, with over twenty-two years of professional experience serving privately-held middle market and emerging companies in manufacturing, wholesale and distribution, professional service, high technology, retail, construction, real estate, multinational organizations and not-for-profit. He joined Stone Carlie in 1996 and was named managing member in 2001.

"We will always remember Tom as a valued colleague and the esteemed leader of a vital and important member firm of IGAF Worldwide," said Ray Buehler, Chairman of the IGAF Worldwide North American Board of Directors. "We will miss his friendship and camaraderie, as well as his numerous contributions to the peer-to-peer idea sharing that lies the heart of IGAF Worldwide membership."

Tom was well known throughout the association's North American Region as a contributor and participant in key benchmarking and networking events. "He will be sorely missed, both professionally and personally, by everyone who had the pleasure of working with him," said IGAF Worldwide President Kevin Mead.

Donations in memory of Tom Valenti may be sent to St. John Vianney High School (www.vianney.com) or St. Mark's Church (www.stmarkstl.com) in St. Louis, MO, USA.

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