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Rick Wiedemer, CEO of Hinkley Lighting, Passes Away After Tragic Head Injury

AVON LAKE, Ohio (August 5, 2019) - Hinkley Lighting CEO Rick Wiedemer passed away Saturday, August 3, after sustaining a traumatic head injury from a serious fall on June 17 in Cleveland. He passed peacefully, surrounded by his family.

"We are heartbroken to lose our father," said Jess Wiedemer, President of Hinkley Lighting. "He's our hero and our inspiration and the best businessperson we have ever known. And he was a better father and grandfather. To say we will miss him cannot adequately capture what we are all feeling. But we know he is at peace now."

Rick Wiedemer headed the 3rd generation of his family running the company. Under his leadership, Hinkley became an industry leader and earned numerous awards. Rick will be inducted into the American Lighting Association Hall of Fame in September.

"July marked Dad's 50th year with Hinkley Lighting. My brother, Jess, and I are committed to fulfilling his vision for the company and leading its success in the future. We know he would not want it any other way," said Eric Wiedemer, Vice President and General Counsel of Hinkley.

Rick, 72, is survived by his sons, Jess and Eric of Rocky River, Ohio, and daughter Kristi of Denver, Colorado, and his seven grandchildren.

The Wiedemer family and extended Hinkley family wishes to express its sincere thanks to all the caregivers who worked tirelessly in support of Rick.

A memorial service will be held at St. Christopher Church, 20141 Detroit Road, Rocky River, OH 44116 on Friday, August 16 at 12:00pm. Friends may call at the Busch Funeral Home, 21369 Center Ridge Road, Rocky River, Ohio from 2-7pm on Thursday, August 15.

About Hinkley Lighting

Since 1922, Hinkley Lighting, headquartered in Avon Lake, Ohio, has been a leading designer and distributor of high-quality decorative lighting fixtures. Hinkley Lighting is driven by a passion to create a wide variety of lighting that blends design and function for interior and exterior applications.

Hinkley continues its strong momentum for the second half of 2019, with an impressive showing from the recent Lightovation® trade show in Dallas, where the company debuted over 125 new products, as well as its newly acquired Regency Ceiling Fans line. For the sixth consecutive year, Hinkley secured top design honors for a newly released product at the show's Market Choice Awards.

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