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### CRL Vice-President, Jim Audette Passed Away December 9th

LOS ANGELES -- It is with great sadness that C.R. Laurence Co., Inc. (CRL) announces the passing of Jim Audette on Sunday, December 9th.

Born December 13th, 1940, Jim worked with CRL for 44 years. Most recently, Jim was Vice President of CRL and Assistant to the President.

A man of many talents, Jim was heavily involved with the development of many of CRL's products. He helped create CRL catalogs, and assisted in the design and construction of many of CRL's facilities, both the headquarters campus and the branch warehouses.

In his spare time, Jim was a dedicated fisherman.

Don Friese, CEO, and close friend of Jim's stated, "He was a true professional and a great friend. He contributed so much to this company. He was one of the most talented people ever to be a part of CRL. He will be deeply missed by all of us."

Jim is survived by his wife, Ramona, and three children.

