



## A message from **CEO Bob Blue**

The news of Tom Farrell's passing Friday afternoon was heartbreaking to those of us who loved, admired and respected him. The list of his professional and community accomplishments is long. But the list of people whose lives he touched is much, much longer.

Tom set high standards for himself, and those who worked for him. People who were around him stood up a little straighter, thought a little more carefully, tried a little harder. He simply had that effect.

But his occasional steely stare belied a generosity and fundamental decency that governed everything he did. He was kind, loyal, thoughtful and devoted to his friends. He cherished his family and made sure they always came first despite the demands of a very busy job.

Tom was the kind of person, through his words and actions, who made everyone who came in contact with him want to do better and be better. I can't think of a more worthy person. We should all try to follow his example.

Tom loved this company, and all of us dearly, and he would expect us to continue to serve each other and our customers well, to meet the challenges ahead of us, and to make our communities better.

I know we will.

**Bob**

To read what was shared publicly, please read [yesterday's news release](#).