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## **G&F FINANCIAL GROUP MOURNS THE PASSING OF VINCE FIAMENGO**

*Long-time member and former Chair leaves behind a lasting legacy*

**Burnaby, BC** – G&F Financial Group regrets to advise that Vince Fiamengo passed away on Friday, September 8. Vince was a member of the G&F family for 50 years. He joined the Board of Directors in 1986 and rose to hold the position of Chair from 1997 to 2015.

Under Vince's leadership as Chair, G&F enjoyed unprecedented growth, claiming position as a top ten credit union in BC. Vince was passionate about G&F's values of collaboration, innovation and cooperation and embodied these values in his role as Chair. He worked tirelessly to push G&F to greater heights and the credit union thrived under his strong and competent stewardship.

Outside his important role with G&F, Vince also held a position of esteem within the greater business community. He was one of the most respected members of the commercial fishing industry in BC history and advocated for fishermen in this province to receive equal and fair access to insurance, financing and health benefits. Vince never shied away from tackling challenging issues within the industry, and approached problem solving with his signature tenacity and thoughtfulness.

Along with his work with G&F, Vince held a longstanding leadership role with Mutual Marine Insurance Company. He joined as a member in 1958, and was elected to the Board in 1970. After 17 years, Vince was elected President of Mutual Marine and continued his work to improve conditions for BC's fishermen.

*"Vince was a truly inspiring leader at the helm of G&F's Board. He was tenacious, diligent, proud and committed. He embodied what it meant to be a true leader and his passion helped propel G&F to where it is today", said Lewis Bubl , President and Chairman of the G&F Board of Directors. "Vince leaves behind an enduring legacy and he will be greatly missed."*

*"Vince embodied the essence of leadership and masterfully led our Board and organization through times of transformational change. His unquestionable passion for the good of our members and the credit union system as a whole will leave a lasting legacy", said Bill Kiss and Jeff Shewfelt, co-CEOs of G&F Financial Group.*

Vince is survived by his loving wife Helen, his daughter Janice and a very large extended group of friends. A Celebration of Life will be held for Vince on Friday, September 22 at 2:00 pm at the Hart House in Burnaby.

### **About G&F Financial Group**

With over 30,000 members, 14 locations and over \$2 billion in assets under administration, G&F Financial Group proudly provides a full range of personal and business banking solutions to our credit union members. With a passion for educating and empowering others to achieve their financial goals, we focus on providing advice tailored uniquely for each member and have supported members and invested in our local communities for over 75 years.

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