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### In Memoriam: Lou Estrella, 1944-2013

WATG mourns the loss of former WATG partner Lou Estrella

IRVINE, CA October 17, 2013 - Lou Estrella, former senior vice president of WATG (Wimberly Allison Tong & Goo) has died at the age of 69. Lou's wife and family announced his death Thursday afternoon, October 10.

Estrella retired in the summer of 2010 after more than 30 years working with WATG. As a partner and architect, he was deeply involved in the success and international growth of the firm. He was instrumental in building the California office based in Irvine. "Lou leaves an incredible legacy, he helped to make the firm what it is today", said Mike Seyle, president and CEO at WATG. Estrella directed many high profile projects including the iconic Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel in California; the 1,200-room Tapa Tower Hotel at the Hilton Hawaiian Village in Honolulu; the Spa Resort Casino in Palm Springs, California; and Disneyland Hotels in Hong Kong and Tokyo.

His mentorship, leadership, integrity, trust, loyalty, and genuine care & concern for all of those he touched will be deeply missed. Those who were privileged to know and work with Lou are grateful for the opportunity and for the wonderful memories.

Lou is survived by his wife Zeny, daughters, Hazelle and Rachel, son, Eric, grandchildren, Austin, Brandon, Kai, and Bailey, siblings, Pete, Luna, Tas, Venus, Thelma, and Linda.

A memorial service will be held in Mission Viejo on November 2. For more information about the service, contact Hazelle Estrella Weissinger at [hweissinger@oldrepublictitle.com](mailto:hweissinger@oldrepublictitle.com).

### About WATG

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WATG's projects are renowned not only for their design and sense of place but also for their bottom-line success. To view WATG's portfolio of projects, visit <http://www.watg.com/index.cfm/view/projects-by-region>. For more information about WATG, visit [www.watg.com](http://www.watg.com). Follow @WATG and @Wimberly\_Int on Twitter.