



*Karlheinz Hils (right) with HessAmerica veterans Terry O'Toole and Becky Smith (left and center) earlier this year.*

We are saddened to announce the recent passing of a dear friend and colleague, Karlheinz Hils. He was an integral member of the Hess and HessAmerica family for many years and will be sorely missed by all.

A consummate lighting professional and forever the go-to guy when critical tasks or projects required a detail-oriented person, Karlheinz was always there in the background. Whether establishing a new manufacturing facility in another country to overseeing construction of a state-of-the-art outdoor lighting gallery needed within six months during unseasonably wet weather to simply streamlining production processes for improved delivery of materials, Karlheinz has left an indelible signature on all that he touched.

For those who have had the opportunity to work with Karlheinz, he will always be remembered for his caring nature, firm leadership, inquisitiveness, and the rare consistent ability to turn around the impossible or improbable into successful achievements. He was always the one person who sweat the details, no matter how small.

Rest in Peace.