

Michael E. Lange, President 1986-2016 Lange Electric Company, Inc.

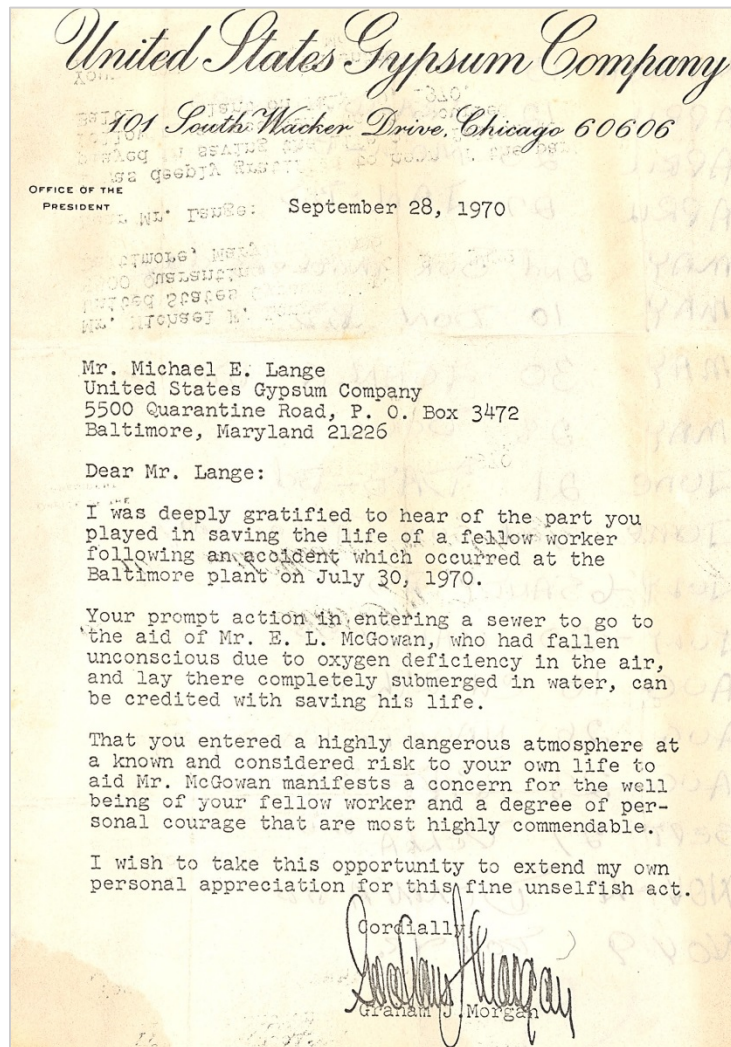


Michael E. Lange (Mike), former President and CEO of Lange Electric Company, Inc., represented the third generation owner of the company that was founded by John R. Lange, Sr. in 1927.

Mike served in the United States Army from 1970 to 1972. Stationed in Germany, Mike held the position of Military Police (MP). His service was cut short as a result of a vehicle accident, at which point Mike returned home and continued his undergraduate studies at the University of Maryland that he began while stationed in Germany. He graduated in the class of 1977, with a Bachelors of Science degree in Business and Accounting.



Prior to his enlistment, Mike had been involved at Lange on a part time basis during summer breaks at school. Mike worked



side by side with his father, John, Jr. (Bob), discovering his interest in and learning the business. It was also during this timeframe that Mike spent two years working for U.S. Gypsum Company, a long standing Chicago-based company with a plant location in Baltimore. Although only a short time was spent with U.S. Gypsum due to his enlistment, a notable incident occurred; one which spoke directly to his character and the quality of man that he was. On July 30, 1970, Mike was responsible for saving the life of a fellow worker, at the risk of losing his own. That July day, his coworker had fallen into a sewer in a local Baltimore plant. Mike entered the sewer and pulled the submerged, unconscious man to safety, and rendered CPR. Mike received a letter of gratitude from Mr. Graham J. Morgan, Chairman and CEO (1917-2007) of U.S. Gypsum Company.

Mike re-involved himself in the family business not long after the completion of his degree. Bob retired in 1986, which led Mike to take on the role of President and continue the legacy that was built by the two generations before him. Mike accepted this role with a clear passion and vision for the future. At the time of Bob's retirement, the business was located at Greenmount Avenue; however as the company began selling and servicing larger equipment, and expanding inventory and product lines, it could not be ignored that a larger warehouse space was necessary. Mike moved the business in 1997 to its current location at 2626 W. Patapsco Avenue.

Mike was a Licensed Master Electrician and a long-standing and active member of numerous industry associations including Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engineers, Inc. (IEEE), Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC), National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) and the local Chapter of the Electrical Apparatus Service Association (EASA). Mike served multiple terms as the local EASA Chapter President and attended conventions whenever possible to stay abreast of industry changes.

Mike was an avid reader. His love for history, and the industry in which he worked largely drove his collection of books, articles and technical manuals that can be found overflowing bookshelves both at his home and his office. He had a need to continually learn and expand his knowledge base, which led him to be a technical expert in his field and a valuable resource to the customers he served.

Socially, Mike was a member of the NRA, with his membership driven by his enjoyment of trap shooting at local ranges. During the 70's and 80's Mike was an active member of the local boating club, a hobby he loved from a young age. Mike spent weekends boating with friends and family, frequenting local swimming areas like Heart Miller Island, and exploring creeks and coves of the Chesapeake Bay.

The two highest priorities in Mike's life were his family and his business. His commitment to both were unwavering and evident to all that knew him. Mike could be found at his desk before the sun came up and still sitting there long after the work day had ended. Time off for anything other than vacation time with his wife and daughters was unheard of. Despite long hours at the office, Mike was a devoted father, never missing a sporting event, dance recital, band concert, or any other event of his two daughters.

This year, 2017, marks 90 years of service for Lange Electric Company, Inc. It is with heavy hearts that we celebrate this rare achievement without Mike, whose untimely passing took him from us on December 19, 2016 after a long, bravely fought battle with Neuroendocrine Cancer. During this celebration of the 90th anniversary, we honor his dedication to this company, his customers and the local community that he served for over 40 years. We also take this time to recognize and thank the employees of Lange Electric. Their commitment and loyalty to the company are evident in both the tenures they've achieved, and the quality work they perform on a daily basis. It is their efforts to maintain and carry on the reputation that Mike dedicated 40 years to building that have helped to create 90 successful years, and counting.

We thank everyone for their outpouring of support for our family and for the business Mike cherished. With Mike's memory and values at the center of our daily endeavors, we look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve the needs of our customers and community.

The Lange Family