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In Fond Memory of Clark W. Plucinski

Kentwood, Mich. – December 8, 2025 – It is with profound sadness that the Certified Automotive Parts Association (CAPA) announces the passing of Clark W. Plucinski, immediate past chair, on November 29, 2025. [A full obituary is available here.](#)

Plucinski's significant contributions to CAPA reach back to 1996, when he was first elected to the board; later, in 2012 he was elected CAPA Board President. Most recently, Plucinski was Chair of the CAPA Board, offering extensive industry knowledge and building genuine relationships with colleagues. His humor and positive outlook made him an exceptional leader, engaging those around him.

Clark will be forever remembered for his passion for the automotive industry, with his dedicated experience spanning over 50 years. Throughout his career, he contributed significantly across many segments of the industry, beginning his career as a collision repair technician in 1970 at a major GM dealership. He was co-owner and president of BCP Auto Body, Inc. from 1973 to 1996, a four-location collision repair business located in the Metropolitan, D.C. area, before becoming True2Form's executive vice president of sales and marketing. In 2010, True2Form was acquired by The Boyd Group. In 2012, Plucinski was elected CAPA Board President, and he accepted the role of executive director of the Collision Repair Education Foundation.

Clark was deeply committed to supporting career and technical schools; he devoted his time and leadership to engaging with the industry's talent pipeline. Plucinski was a nationally recognized industry leader and held various board seats including: I-CAR, I-CAR Collision Repair Education Foundation, ASA Collision Division Committee and the Washington Metropolitan Auto Body Association, serving as president. He received the I-CAR Founders Award, the ASA Special Achievement Award and was elected into "The Hall of Eagles."

"Clark was instrumental in facilitating cross-industry collaboration; he knew the importance of this and strived to build bridges," Gerry Poirier, CAPA Board of Directors Interim Chair. "His leadership, humor, and perspective will be greatly missed." Added Poirier, "Given Clark's commitment to student education in the collision repair industry, the CAPA Board of Directors will establish a Collision Repair Education Foundation (CREF) Scholarship in Clark's name, in honor of his enduring legacy to the collision repair industry."

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Clark's family, friends and colleagues.

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