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## **Ludivina “Ludi” Rodriguez – Accounts Payable**

Wife of 62 years to Manuel and mother of Manuel Rene, Ludi was a long-time Hunt-Wesson alum who passed away on April 6, 2012 after a long illness.

## **Benjamin Vanderworm – R&D Analytical Chemistry**



July 13, 1928 – May 22, 2012

Ben was born in Bandung, Indonesia, and resided in Walnut at the time of his passing. He worked for over 28 years at HW in R&D.

## **Fran Taylor – Traffic**



Frances “Fran” Taylor passed away peacefully in Hemet, CA on May 19, 2012 from complications of a heart attack and Alzheimer’s Dementia. While she was not able to get out much in her last years, she was very active around the house. She enjoyed recounting stories of England during the war, Canada and the IOF (employment before Hunt’s) and working at Hunt-Wesson Fullerton. According to her son Alex: “She had a good and full life. When she passed she was calm and content, although not in a mood to go! I would like to bless all of you that knew her for being in my Mothers’ life and thinking about her from time to time. It was my goal to bring her to a reunion... but it just became impossible. I will try to attend the next Reunion if I am in town.”



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## Maxine Hays – Finance



February 12, 1918 – May 24, 2012

At the end of WWII, Maxine relocated to Anaheim, California and was employed by Hunt-Wesson for over 30-years. Maxine then embarked on an adventurous program of world travel . . . most recently Africa. Maxine died on a local plane flight within Tanzania. She was 94 years old. In the last seven days of her life, she went on a photo safari in the Serengeti National Park and visited the Great Pyramids of Giza. Maxine was a lifelong sports fan and avid supporter of the Anaheim Angels and the Los Angeles Lakers. She was an active member of the "Red Hat Ladies" and also participated in the Hunt-Wesson Foods Retired Employees Association.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/orangecounty/obituary.aspx?n=maxine-nedette-hays&pid=157990396>

## Sherrlyn (Sam) Geddis - Logistics

Sam passed away in June at the age of 65 from COPD complications.

## Al Rocha – Credit

Al was HW's credit manager for over 30 years, dealing specifically with Industrial Wesson Oil. He was a great person, had a huge family and many grandkids. In addition to his career at HW, Al was a bricklayer, landscaper, antique car collector and a true friend to all. He passed away on June 12 and is buried at the National Veterans Cemetery in Riverside in recognition of his military service.

## Julie Kellerhals – Foodservice



February 1944 – July 2012

Julie passed away after a brief battle with cancer. She was a much-loved wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Julie lived in Southern California for 45 years, and during that time worked for 20 years in the HW Foodservice department. She and her family relocated to Prescott, Arizona after retirement.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=94006238>

## Laura Salciunas – Marketing (Orville Redenbacher)

Laura passed away from complications due to Parkinson's Disease on August 31, 2012.



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## John Tiedt – Engineering

November 12, 1917 – September 3, 2012

Many of us knew John as a senior project engineer, designing and building factories in the US and Puerto Rico. John served on the Fullerton Planning Commission, on Norton Simon's art council, and played bass and piano in his jazz band, the Johnny Edwards Orchestra. At Hunt's, John met his future wife Charlotte Pickens. They married and raised their family in Placentia.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/orangecounty/obituary-print.aspx?n=john-edward-tiedt&pid=159704938>

## Andy Anderson – Accounting

June 1922 – September 2012



Anderson, Alton "Andy" Leon, 90, passed away on September 5, 2012. Andy was born in Salt Lake City, Utah. He graduated from the University of Utah in Accounting. Andy was a proud veteran of WWII having served in the Pacific Theater as an Army Air Corp Ground Control Officer. After his service, he met his eternal companion, Mary Jane, and they were married on June 1, 1946 in Salt Lake City. They moved to Fullerton, California in July 1951. Andy worked in Accounting for Hunt Foods & Industries, and later formed the long-standing accounting firm of Anderson, Lynn & Bezich and served as the managing partner until his retirement. Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association and/or the American Heart Association .

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<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/orangecounty/obituary.aspx?pid=159777519#fbLoggedOut>

## Jake Hill – Cannery Engineering



1930 – 2012

Our wonderful father, Jacob Carl Hill III passed away on September 12, 2012. He was born in 1930 to Jacob and Sylvia Hill in Pittsburgh, PA. Dad graduated from Perry High School and began his college career at Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1951. After an honorable discharge from the Air Force in 1954, he completed his graduate studies in chemical engineering and food technology at Ohio State University. Always a Buckeye fan, we grew up hearing the Ohio State fight song when they won a football game. He married our mom, Jean Shirley Pfeiffer on March 28, 1953. Their marriage lasted almost



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54 years until mom passed away January 11, 2007. Both he and mom will always be remembered for their love of family, faith, and music.

Along with an accomplished career in the food industry, which included many years at Hunt-Wesson Foods, Dad had many interests. While we grew up in Fullerton and Placentia, Dad coached youth sports, took the family sailing in the "Blue Banana", and had many special projects. Dad was a member of Morro Bay Presbyterian Church where he loved singing in the choir. One of his greatest joys was singing with the Cambria Master Chorale. We never quite knew when we would be treated to a song when we spent time with him.

## **Floyd Coopersmith - ISS**

1941 – October 2012

Floyd passed away in Lexington, KY and is survived by his wife and children. Published in The Cynthiana Democrat on October 25, 2012

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/cynthianademocrat/obituary.aspx?pid=160611159#fbLoggedOut>

## **Jeff Miller – Production & Logistics**

Sue, Jeff's wife, provided us with this information: Jeff passed away October 28th from Dementia. He was employed by Hunt Wesson for twenty-seven years and worked at many locations in both the production area and distribution. There will be a family memorial when his ashes are scattered at Half Moon Bay. Everyone who worked with Jeff always mentions his sense of humor. He will be missed by our four children, twelve grandchildren and three great grandchildren for the laughter and love he brought to our family.



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## Ron Ruschmann – R&D Quality



March 17, 1943 - November 3, 2012

Ron passed away recently from colon cancer. Ron was with HW/ConAgra for over 35 years working in R&D and QA among other departments during his long career. Many of you will probably remember him from our many company sponsored volleyball and softball teams. He will be remembered as a great guy and will be missed by all who knew him.

His complete obituary and additional information can be found by clicking on the link below.

<http://www.memorygarden.com/sitemaker/sites/MEMORY1/obit.cgi?user=797609Ruschmann>

## Dale Hardner – Grocery Sales & Marketing

July 19, 1941 – November 23, 2012

Dale passed away at the age of 71 at home the day after Thanksgiving after a long illness.



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## Postelle Brown – Grocery Sales



September 25, 1937 – December 7, 2012

Postelle Brown passed away on December 7, 2012. He was born in Jacksonville, Florida. He began his college education at the University of Georgia and earned his degree at the University of Houston. He was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He enjoyed many things including history, traveling, golfing with friends and watching college and professional sports. He was a kind and loving person with an infectious smile, and he adored his children and grandchildren. He married his high school sweetheart and love of his life, Patricia. Their marriage of 54 years has been a journey of love. Postelle was employed by Hunt Wesson Foods/ConAgra as a Territory Manager and retired after 33 years. He also served his country as a 1st Sargent in the US Army Reserves. He is survived by his wife, Patricia; a son, Patrick and wife, Amee of Raleigh; a daughter, Angel of Jacksonville, Fl.; and grandchildren Lindsay, Chasen and Grace Ann.

Information about memorial services can be found here:

[http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=F.+Postelle-Brown&lc=4233&pid=161573757&mid=5335279&eid=sp\\_sciobitposted](http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=F.+Postelle-Brown&lc=4233&pid=161573757&mid=5335279&eid=sp_sciobitposted)