



# In Memory – 2013

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## Jim Braak – Foodservice District Sales, Detroit

Passed in 2009; Walker, Michigan. We received notification in 2013 from a colleague.

## Elton Carey – Refinery Engineering



June 1925 – January 2013

Elton died peacefully in his sleep with his loving wife Frances by his side on January 30, 2013. He was born on June 23, 1925.

Shortly after graduating from high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He fought in the 102nd Infantry during World War II, landing in France 9 months after D-Day. His company participated in breaking through the Siegfried Line, the Battle of the Bulge, and crossed the Rohr and Rhine River, stopping 35 miles from Berlin. After the war, he returned to Le Mars where he met Frances in the church choir. They were married for 66 years.

Elton graduated college at Iowa State University and they settled in Cincinnati in 1950. They had four boys and Elton worked for Proctor and Gamble as a chemical engineer. They created a loving and close knit family. In 1967, Elton accepted a job with Hunt Wesson Foods in Fullerton, California. He was responsible for vegetable oil process development. A procedure he developed resulted in a significant patent eliminating trans-fats prior to trans-fats being acknowledged as a health hazard. He retired in 1989.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Orange Empire Chorus targeted to Youth and Harmony Education (Checks can be sent to Orange Empire Chorus, Care of Ken Klein, Treasurer (Memo: Elton Carey Memorial) at 574 S. Shasta Way, Orange, CA, 92869-5242) or First Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund (Checks can be sent to First Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund (Care of Elton Carey) at 838 N. Euclid, Fullerton, CA 92832). Condolences may be sent to the family in care of his wife Frances at 2050 Domingo Rd., Fullerton, CA 92835-3413

Elton's obituary was published in the Orange County Register on February 6, 2013. To read the obituary in its entirety, go to: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/orangecounty/obituary.aspx?pid=162897926#fbLoggedOut>



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## **Jim O'Neill – Foodservice Business Development NE**

1931-2013: James F. O'Neill of Bayonne passed away February 6, 2013 at the age of 82. Born in Bayonne where he was a lifetime resident. He served in the Navy during the Korean Conflict, was a graduate of Seton Hall University and worked for 34 years as a sales representative for the Hunt-Wesson Food Company, retiring 22 years ago.

<http://obits.nj.com/obituaries/jerseyjournal/obituary.aspx?pid=162910684#fbLoggedOut>

## **Gary Franck – Refinery Engineering**



November 1945 – February 2013

Gary was born on November 21, 1945 in Everett, Massachusetts. His family moved to Orange California in 1957. While attending college and working part time he was drafted into the Army in 1967 and served two years at Fort Sam Houston. Gary was discharged from the Army in early 1969 and returned to California. He graduated from California State University Fullerton in 1974 with a Bachelors Degree in Business and Economics.

Gary worked for Hunt Wesson Foods from the early 1970's to 1980. In 1980 he went to work for Consolidated Beverage in Buena Park where he was Vice President/ General Manager; and later worked for Pasadena Beverage in Pomona until the company sold. Gary loved the outdoors and enjoyed living at the Four Seasons Community in Beaumont. He enjoyed the walking trails, the amazing views and the many friends he made. In lieu of flowers donations may be made on behalf of Gary to the American Cancer Society.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/orangecounty/obituary.aspx?pid=163440700#fbLoggedOut>

## **Betty Hall – UCC/Container Division Administrative Manager**

Betty passed away on March 14, 2013, after a short bout with cancer. She worked at United Can Company, Container Division (Tom Conlon and Sturgis Darling), as well as for Hunt-Wesson (John Stollsteimer) early in her career. She was also involved with the Republican Women's Group in Temecula, was President of the Riverside County Federation, and served as secretary and historian later on. Her husband, Joe Hall, passed several years ago. She was a great friend to many.



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## Jim Noffert – Foodservice District Manager, Detroit

1941 - March 2013. James was a resident of Uniontown, Ohio.

## Paul Mackey – Grocery Sales



1936-2013

Paul died unexpectedly on March 14 following a tumor-removal surgery. Paul was a veteran of the Korean War serving his country in the United States Army. He went on to have a successful career as a Sales Manager for over 30 years at Hunt-Wesson Foods in Needham, MA. Family, faith and travel were Paul's passions. Beloved husband of 53 years to Margaret J. (MacMillan). Loving father of five children; grandfather to eight, and great grandfather to one. Paul is also survived by two brothers and many nieces and nephews. Memorials in Paul's name may be made to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute - Jimmy Fund, 10 Brookline Place West, 6th Floor, Brookline, MA 02445-7226 [www.dana-farber.org](http://www.dana-farber.org) or Shriner's Burn Institute, 51 Blossom St., Boston, MA 02114.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/bostonglobe/obituary.aspx?pid=163646804#fbLoggedOut>

## Bill Seeman – Grocery Sales



1933 – March 2013

Bill passed away surrounded by his loving family in Tampa, FL. He was born in New Jersey, grew up in New York and lived most of his life in Tampa. He was a proud graduate of University of Miami in 1959. He served in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He retired from Hunt Wesson Foods after 31 years; was a member and past Commander of the American Legion Post 152 and a past State Commander in 1997-98; and was elected Grand Knight of Incarnation Council #8612 in 2009. He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, children, grandchildren, sisters and extended family. If in lieu of flowers, please send donations to the American Legion Post 152, Attention: Boys State Fund, 1211 Sheldon Rd, Tampa, FL 33626 or the charity of your choice.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/tbo/obituary.aspx?pid=163796686#fbLoggedOut>



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## **Bruce Myers – Swiss Miss Menomonie**



June 1963 – May 2013

Bruce Earl Myers, age 49, of Elk Mound, WI passed away Sunday, May 19, 2013 at his home. Bruce was employed at Con Agra Foods in Menomonie for many years and was on the Menomonie City Council for twelve years. He enjoyed cooking and was a great cook and he loved all sports. He also enjoyed the solitude of his 80 acres in Fall City. With Bruce you always knew where you stood, but nobody could laugh at himself better than Bruce. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

## **Marilyn Fletcher – Fullerton Billing**

Marilyn, wife of Dick Fletcher, passed away in May 2013. She worked for Hunt Foods & Industries in the 1950's for Vi McCarty.

## **Phil Calentino – Grocery Sales**



June 1930 – June 2013

Phil passed away quietly at home surrounded by his family. Phil was born and raised in Los Angeles. He married Margaret Van der Zee in 1951. They were married for 62 years, raising their 10 children in Fullerton. Phil worked in the food industry, spending 30+ years with Hunt-Wesson Foods, retiring in 1989 as the Western Division Sales Manager. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; 10 children Chris, Maureen, Gary, Michael, Sue, Carolyn, Marilyn, Jimmy, Paul, Diane; 11 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/orangecounty/obituary.aspx?pid=165377467#fbLoggedOut>

## **Norm Whitsed – Foodservice Marketing**

Passed away in June 2013; Sonora, CA



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## Betty Jean Phillips – Marketing (Media Assistant)

1931 – 2013

Betty Phillips passed away Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> after a battle of lung cancer. She was a dear friend to many. Her years of service at Hunt-Wesson spanned from 1967 – 1994. She worked in various departments such as Grocery Sales and Marketing/Media. Betty loved to travel. Jazz cruises through the Panama Canal and Caribbean were favorites. She was a devout Angels and Reds fan, and took pride in managing her home and yard with little assistance until shortly before passing. Betty's undying love and passion were her kitties. Betty was predeceased by her husband of 50 years, Gerald "Jerry" in 2003.

Condolences may be sent to Betty's family, in care of son Mark Phillips | 2156 Calavera Place; Fullerton CA 92833.

In lieu of flowers, donations opportunities include:

Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center

Check Payable to: PVHMC Foundation

Donation to Benefit:

( ) Robert & Beverly Lewis Family Care Center Endowment Fund

( ) Where the need is greatest

Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center Foundation

1798 North Gary Avenue

Post Office Box 2766

Pomona, California 91769-9927

<https://www.pvhmc.org/Donate-Online/Donate-Online.asp#a>

Best Friends Animal Society

5001 Angel Canyon Road

Kanab, Utah 84741

<http://act.bestfriends.org/page/s/give-a-tribute-gift>

(435) 644-2001, select option 5



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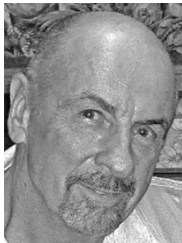
## Coreen Schwenk - ISS



May 1923 - August 2013

Coreen passed away early Monday morning from pneumonia and complications. Family members were at her side. She was buried with full military honors at the Riverside National Cemetery. She proudly served her country in the US Navy during WWII. Following her military service, Coreen worked as a key-punch operator and in the data center for over 30 years. She is survived by her husband of many years, six children, ten grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

## Bill Annette - ISS



August 1930 – August 2013

William Harold Annette “Skip” of Lake Havasu City, 83, passed on August 20 in Riverside, Calif. He served in the Korean War and retired as a Colonel, Army Intelligence in 1983. He received his master’s degree from the University of Toledo in Industrial Management in 1961. He was a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College and the Air Force War College. He moved to Fullerton, Calif., in 1966, where he was employed as Manager of Human Resources for Hunt Wesson Foods and retired after 25 years in 1991. Upon Retirement from Hunt Wesson, he moved to Lake Havasu City. No services are planned as requested by the deceased. Donations in honor of his life can made to: Western Arizona Humane Society, 100 Empire Drive, Lake Havasu City, Ariz. 86404.

[http://www.havasunews.com/obituaries/william-h-annette/article\\_87a6b594-0d31-11e3-9035-001a4bcf887a.html](http://www.havasunews.com/obituaries/william-h-annette/article_87a6b594-0d31-11e3-9035-001a4bcf887a.html)



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## Al Crosson – President



September 1930 - September 2013

Albert J. Crosson died in his home in Newport Beach on September 26th from complications related to cancer; he was age 83. Born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Al made his home in Fullerton for over 36 years before moving to Newport Beach in 1996.

Al came to Fullerton in the late 1950's when he joined the Hunt Foods Company. He would ultimately spend over 30 years spread across two tours of duty with the company, which evolved into Hunt-Wesson Foods and then ultimately the ConAgra Grocery Products Company. Over the years Al grew within the organization to become its President for over ten years. After his retirement, for the next five years, Al served as Vice Chairman of the Board for International Game Technology.

For over 48 years Al was very active in charitable causes throughout Orange County including Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County and St. Jude Medical Center in Fullerton. At St. Jude his financial support led to the establishment of the Virginia K. Crosson Cancer Center, which was named in honor of his late wife who pre-deceased him in 1991 after her own bout with cancer.

Al is survived by his wife, Mary (Massie) Crosson of Newport Beach; his four children Bill (Liz), Karen Lutz (Jim), Tim (Marie) and John (Carolyn); as well as his nine grandchildren: Jeff, David, Joe, Andrew, Kelly, Jack, Nick, Casey and Kevin and his step granddaughter, Nicole.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests charitable donations be directed to the Albert J. Crosson Memorial Fund at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County ([www.bigbrooc.org](http://www.bigbrooc.org) or 714-619-7048).

<http://www.oconnormortuary.com/obituaries/Albert-Crosson/#!/Obituary>



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## **Sterling Price – Refinery Finance**

(October 2013)

Dear friend to many, Sterling Price passed away on October 3rd. He worked for many years in Refinery Finance. His wife, Darlene, worked in Oil Trading.

## **Debora Richards – Grocery Sales**

1955 – November 2013

Deb worked 24 years for Hunt-Wesson Foods, and most recently for Mars Chocolate.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sheboyganpress/obituary.aspx?pid=168135838>

## **Rita Whitelaw – Accounts Payable**

(December 2013)

Rita Whitelaw, Accounts Payable Manager until retirement in 1990, passed away suddenly after a brief illness. She was a good friend to many, and will be missed.

## **Rosette Douet – R&D**

(December 2013)

## **George C. Tharrington Jr. – R&D**

(March 1933 - December 2013)

George Tharrington Jr., of Yorba Linda, California, died Tuesday, December 17, 2013 after a courageous battle with cancer. Born in Henderson, North Carolina, he was a loving husband, dear father and grandfather. A devout Christian and ordained minister, George loved spending Sunday mornings worshipping at his spiritual homes, Friendship Baptist Church, Community Christian Church and later Eastside Christian Church. He also proudly shared the word of Christ through his chaplainship and convalescent home ministries. George is survived by his children, grandchildren and siblings.

George's complete obituary is available at

[http://www.mcaulaywallace.com/fh/obituaries/obituary.cfm?o\\_id=2357186&fh\\_id=12218](http://www.mcaulaywallace.com/fh/obituaries/obituary.cfm?o_id=2357186&fh_id=12218)