



In Memory – 2014

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Joe Rouette - ISS

1940 – January 2014



Joseph W. Rouette of Arroyo Grande and Valley Center, CA, passed away on January 21, 2014. He died peacefully at his beloved “Duck House” in Arroyo Grande following a 2 year battle with Cancer. He was 73 years of age.

Joe was a member of the Arroyo Grande High School Class of 1958, and entered the United States Army before graduation, serving his country for 3 years. Upon completion of his service, he enrolled and completed his Bachelor’s Degree in Business from Long Beach State University. After graduation, Joe worked for Hunt Wesson-ConAgra Foods, for over 35 years. He retired with over 1 million air miles flown. Joe was married to Jayne Rouette until her death in 1999 and had 3 children. In 2004, Joe married his second wife Terry and moved from Orange County to Valley Center, CA.

As many of you remember, Joe was the proud owner of a 1967 Chevrolet Corvette and a lifetime member of the Corvettes Southern California Car Club. He was also a life-long fan of the NFL Oakland Raiders.

Joe always had a winning smile and a kind (or clever word) for all his friends and colleagues at Hunt-Wesson. He will be missed.

<http://www.fallenclassmates.com/joseph-w-rouette--1958/joseph-w-rouette-arroyo-grande-high-ca>

Bruce Ramseyer – Credit

1934 – January 2014

Bruce Donald Ramseyer passed away on January 22, 2014 surrounded by his family. Bruce and wife Kay became residents of Santa Ana in 1970, where they raised their family. Bruce worked for Hunt Wesson Foods in Fullerton for 28 years. He is survived by his four children and twelve grandchildren.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/latimes/obituary.aspx?pid=169369078#sthash.kdMhWkVp.dpuf>



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Wil Williams – R&D

1941 – February 2014

Wilmore “Wil” Williams, 73, retired Director of Research Technology at Hunt Wesson Foods, passed away peacefully on February 8, 2014 at his home in Anaheim Hills. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Connie; a daughter, son, grandchildren and siblings.

The family kindly requests that memorial donations in his honor be made to the American Cancer Society, Orange County Region, 1940 E. Deere Avenue, Suite 100., Santa Ana, California 92705.

Wil’s full obituary can be found at

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/orangecounty/obituary.aspx?pid=169761745>

Gladys Steff

March 2014

Details not available.

Janice Plovie – Legal Department

1952 - April 2014

Janice passed away from COPD complications/cardiac arrest at age 62. She is remembered by University of California-Irvine School of Medicine for her support of their research programs.

Larry Stanley – Grocery Sales (Cincinnati)

May 2014

Larry Stanley passed away in his home with his family following complications from a heart attack. Larry was part of the Grocery Sales family and worked in Cincinnati for years. He is survived by Delores and their children.



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Eugene Bergfeld – Rossford Control Center

1929 – June 2014



Eugene Thomas Bergfeld, 84, of Waterville, OH, died June 22, 2014, at Hospice of Northwest Ohio in Perrysburg, OH. He was born September 23, 1929, in Delphos, OH. Eugene worked for 18 years on the Railroad as a traffic manager for Nickle Plate and N & W. He then retired after working for 20 years for Beatrice Hunt-Wesson Foods. Eugene was a member of St. Joe's Maumee and Waterville's Idlers and Loafers.

Gene is survived by this wife Marcella "Sally" German, a daughter, four sons, 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests giving memorial contributions to Hospice or the America Lung Association.

See more at: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/toledoblade/obituary.aspx?n=eugene-bergfeld&pid=171455669&fhid=10133&eid=sp_shareobit#sthash.7jTGpeFK.dpuf

Bill Peckham – Human Resources (Compensation)

1925 – July 2014



William "Bill" Peckham died peacefully at home surrounded by his family in Bend. Bill was born in the Los Angeles area, grew up in Colton and served his country during World War II as a radioman on the USS Oak-hill in the Pacific Theater. After the end of the war, he graduated from Occidental College.

Bill worked as the Director of Compensation for Hunt Wesson Foods for twenty-five years. He and Jeanette moved to Central Oregon after his retirement in 1989.

For more information about Bill, please visit <http://www.bendbulletin.com/obituaries/2273433-151/william-john-peckham>



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Diana Carver – Accounts Payable

July 2014

Melanie Litonjua – R&D

1945 - July 2014

Don Rohdy – Research & Development

1934 – August 2014



Don Rohdy, of Rancho Santa Fe, California, passed away on August 1, 2014 at his home, following a hard fight against cancer.

Don was born on the family farm near Farmington, attended Iowa State University and then served two years in the Army, mainly in Germany. He received a B.S. in General Agriculture and Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics, both from Iowa State. He married Alice Maree Schock of Donnellson on October 14, 1956.

His many career accomplishments include: Senior Vice President of Research and Development at Hunt-Wesson Foods; founding member of Scientific Management Services; professor, department chairman for Economics and administrative Vice President at Colorado State University. He was also a livestock buyer for John Morrell and Company in Ottumwa.

For more information about Don, please visit <http://hosting-3585.tributes.com/obituary/show/don-rohdy-101627231>

Jim Fusting – Oil Trading

1953 - September 2014



Jim spent many years with Hunt-Wesson as Director of Oil Trading and then as VP of Purchasing, and also served as a Board member for Second Harvest Food Bank. After retiring from ConAgra, he returned from Omaha to California, and subsequently moved his family to Vermont. According to one of his colleagues: “He was one of the good guys.”

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/baltimoresun/obituary.aspx?pid=172487260>



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Zoila Lort – Accounts Payable Freight

March 1926 - November 2014



Zoila Adela Ruth Lima de Lort “Cuquita”, 88, of Hopewell, NJ, died November 27, 2014 in Princeton, NJ after a long illness. Born March 21, 1926 to the late Claudio Lima and Dolores Gonzalez in Cardenas, Cuba, she graduated from the Presbyterian school El Colegio la Progresiva with a concentration in marketing. During the 1950's she ran a small sewing school where she taught the art of making patterns and constructing ladies' clothing. In 1965, disappointed with the turn the Cuban revolution had taken, and in search of the freedom to worship without persecution and a more hopeful future for her children, she emigrated to the United States. She is survived by a number of family members located throughout the world. Memorial donations may be made to Trenton Children's Chorus, 471 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08618.

Bob Sherwindt – Treasurer

1924 - November 2014



The following information was provided by Jed Sherwindt, Bob's son:

My dad was born in 1924 in Bridgeport, CT. He grew up in NYC where he graduated from high school. In 1942, he volunteered to join the Army. On D-Day, June 6th, 1944 he was part of the first wave of soldiers that landed on Omaha Beach on the coast of Normandy.

After returning home safely, he graduated from CCNY in 1950, the year he married my mom, Pennie. After getting graduate degrees from NYU and Brooklyn Law School, my dad went on to work for Ford, Northrop, Getty Oil and joined Hunt Wesson in 1969. He retired in 1994 as Treasurer. The people at Hunt Wesson were like an extended family to him throughout his career and into retirement.

My dad was a happy, kind man who saw only good in people. He lived exactly the life he wanted to lead, and passed peacefully on exactly his own terms on November 4th, 2014. He enjoyed his family until the very last day. He leaves behind a legacy of caring, friendship and love which will be carried on by generations.

Bill Mitchell – Purchasing

December 2014

Brian McCoy – Purchasing (Packaging)

December 2014