



In Memory – 2016

(Updated August 24, 2017)

Robert “Bob” Jackson – Grocery Sales

May 1922 – January 2016

Robert Marion Jackson, 93, passed away Friday, January 1, 2016. He grew up in Ohio and after graduating high school in 1940 he played clarinet and saxophone in the Dance Band along Lake Erie while working days as a manager at an Isles’ store. He later joined the Army Air Corps where he was a bomber pilot and became a Second Lt. He received his wings at Pampa Air Field in Pampa, TX in March 1945. Bob and his wife Audrey raised two children moving from Ohio to Atlanta, GA before eventually settling in Fullerton, CA where he retired in 1979 as Vice President of National Sales for Hunt Wesson Foods Corporation. He will be remembered for his deep love of music, dry sense of humor, infinite wisdom, and caring nature. Robert will be deeply missed by all who knew him.”

Sam Reeder – ISS

January 2016

Sam passed away after a lengthy battle with Parkinson’s disease. According to his son, “His passing was peaceful, but leaves an outsized void in all our lives.”

Tom Remmert – Traffic

January 2016

We received a notice from Warren Giannotti that Tom had passed away “after a long and brave battle with cancer.”

David Symonds – Marketing

June 2016

Dave passed away this year as a result of illness in his northern California home. He was a Paste Marketing Manager in the early 1970’s. According to Jim Frawley, “Dave made me laugh like nobody else ever has.”

Marlene Arnold – ISS

1937 - June 2016



Marlene passed away after a brief illness. She worked in the HW ISS Department for her entire career.

[For more information about Marlene, read her obituary here.](#)



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Henry Malinowski – Plant Manager Peter Pan (Chicago & Sylvester)

January 1931 – August 2016



Hank was a long time employee of Derby Foods in Chicago, maker of Peter Pan Peanut Butter, rising to the position of Plant Manager. After the plant moved to Sylvester, GA. in 1986 He moved there to set up and begin operations, retiring in 1988.

[Additional information is available in Hank's obituary here.](#)

Manuel Rodriguez - Accounting

August 2016

We received a note from Mary Ann Semler about Manny's passing: "I am sorry to inform you that Manuel passed away on August 9th after complications of mitral valve heart surgery. His every wish was followed in regards to his funeral, etc. Please inform other alumni of H-W and have a drink to him. He will be missed by many. Thank you." Mary Ann Semler

Jim Baker – Foodservice

September 1923 – August 2016



Jim was born in North Dakota and spent his early childhood in Jamestown until the family moved to Brea in 1935. Jim was an honor student, graduating Brea-Olinda High School, where he excelled in sports and music. After serving in the Army during World War II, Jim began a 33-year career in sales and marketing at Hunt-Wesson Foods, where he met and married the love of his life, Noreen Conneally.

[Additional information is available in Jim's obituary here.](#)

Dave Banasiak – Rossford Control Center

May 1940 - September 2016



Dave passed away after a second short battle with cancer. Dave worked for Bob Faltys in Rossford. He was later transferred to California to work on the CPAS Project. Dave was well-liked by all who worked with him. He was also a musician both in Toledo and here in California. His band, Polka Knights, recorded three albums.

[For more details, read Dave's Obituary here.](#)



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Wayne Fontaine – Foodservice

September 2016

We received a notice from John Fedel that Wayne had passed away.

Warren Giannotti – Traffic/Carrier Claims

1940 - September 2016

Warren died on September 9th in Anaheim after battling cancer. He was born and raised in Richmond, Virginia, served in the Air Force Reserves and worked for Hunt-Wesson for most of his career in Fullerton. Warren made a great effort to keep the HW Reunion Committee up to date on events and activities of his friends in the HW network. [For more information, read Warren's Obituary here.](#)

Jeanette James – Personnel

Passed in December 2016

Our thanks to Linda Magnuson for passing along this information about Jeanette: Just found out my dear friend, Jeanette James from Personnel Records, reporting to Bill Peckham and George Rissotto, passed away December 24, 2016. She most recently lived in Arizona.