

CARL BRUCKER – RUSSELLVILLE, AR

Carl, a long-time member of the RWUEA, and a Regional Vice-President reporting on the semi-annual lunches in Little Rock, Arkansas, passed away on March 22, 2008. Carl was a wonderful man who will be missed by all who knew him.

PETER PALLARI – SUTTER CREEK, CA

Peter's daughter advised us that Peter had passed away on April 17, 2008. According to his daughter, Peter enjoyed going to the annual reunions held in San Francisco and he was "one of the original single dads" and the family is grateful for all those who formed a supportive group of co-workers to help the family out.

MILDRED E. (ANDERSON) SCHUMACHER – VANCOUVER, WA

Juyné Walker informed us that Mildred passed away on March 29, 2008 at the age of 95. Mildred was a timekeeper for Western Union in Portland, Oregon for over 20 years.

FRANK SALERA – PHILADELPHIA, PA

Frank Senner advised us that Frank Salera passed away on April 28, 2008. Frank, a long-time member of RWUEA and frequent participant in the Philadelphia lunches, started at Western Union as an Automatic Technician and then went to Washington, DC as a Maintenance Chief and later returned to Philadelphia where he retired as a Maintenance Chief. Frank is survived by his wife, Patricia, 8 children, 19 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

RALPH BROWN – WARE, MA

Roger Barbeau advised us that Ralph passed away unexpectedly at his home on March 29, 2008 at the age of 65. Ralph was only at Western Union for 5 years (1969-1974) but, during that time, he established himself as a good, hard-working salesman. Ralph, after high school, served six years with the U. S. Navy in submarine service. He then obtained a Marketing Degree from American International College in Springfield, Mass. Following his five years with Western Union, Ralph started his own telecommunications consulting business which he ran for some 30 years before his recent retirement. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, two daughters and three grandchildren. Roger says that he believes that "Ralph was hired by Wally May (not sure) and when Ralph smelled a sale, he was relentless. His sense of humor was infectious and I'll miss him greatly."

ROBERT NIENABER – CINCINNATI, OH

Bob Nienaber, an Honorary Member of the RWUEA, passed away on May 19 at the age of 90. Cause of death was congestive heart failure. Bob is survived by his wife, Anne, three children, 6 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

HARRIS H. BOE – CRYSTAL, MN

Clifford Boe reports the recent passing of his brother, Harris, at the age of 77. Harris was the area sales manager working out of the Minneapolis office before his retirement. Harris, who had a pacemaker installed sometime after his retirement, was doing well but became ill with pneumonia and, shortly after that, complications set in and he passed away about two weeks later. He is survived by two daughters, Sue and Carrie, who both live in the Minneapolis metro area.

J. D. (JACK) CAMPBELL, JR. – DOVER, AR

Mindy Campbell Hudson reports that her father, Jack, died on May 15, 2008. Jack, an Honorary Member of RWUEA, was born in Omaha, Nebraska in 1921. He was a long time Western Union employee.

DARRELL MARIAN – HARTSBURG, MO

Darrell's wife, Ann, reported that Darrell passed away on April 23, 2008 after having developed leukemia in October of 2007. Darrell was 81 years old. He was a long-time employee of Western Union and was a very instrumental force in the development and operation of the Central Telephone bureau network.

EVELYN ARNOLD – MIAMI, FL

George Abrams of Miami advised us that Evelyn passed away in February 2008 at the age of 80. Evelyn was a long-time member of RWUEA. She worked in the Commercial/Traffic departments of Western Union and was known to be a staunch, supporting union member.