

In Memoriam

Edwin K. Stilwell,

August 31, 1936 to April 20, 2003



Ed Stilwell was raised in El Centro, California, obtaining his advanced education at UC Davis where he received a B.S degree in Pest Control and an MS in Vegetable crops/Plant Pathology. He obtained his PhD in Weed Science, specializing in Vegetable Crops/Plant Pathology and Soils from Cornell University. Ed served as Cooperative Extension Farm Advisor in Contra Costa County, California where he worked in area crops. He moved to UC Riverside in the position of Extension Specialist in Weed Science, conducting research on herbicide screening. After leaving the University of California, he became a technical field Representative for processors of sugar cane, sugar beets, tomatoes and cotton, later working for US Borax and finally Rohm & Haas as regional development manager for herbicides, fungicides and insecticides.

In 1980, Ed became associated with Marcroft and Associates, specializing in various aspects of forensic agronomy for the next 20 years. He investigated complaints in a wide range of crops working to identify, calculate and resolve financial losses in a wide range of crops with particular interest in post-harvest physiology, giving expert testimony in litigation as necessary. He will always be remembered for his sense of humor and his honesty. Ed took a professorial approach to a problem, communicating with those

involved, and usually assisting in a resolve of the differences. Ed's successful 42-year career in the public and private sector touched many lives and contributed significantly to that segment of California Agriculture in which he was involved.

Ed's first love, however, was his wife Jackie, their four children and nine grandchildren. Ed was an avid fisherman, enjoying the streams, river and lakes of Oregon in his semi-retirement.

He is missed.

Ed Sieckert, Dale Rush, John Marcroft, Neil Phillips

Rush, Marcroft & Associates

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Don Grivna,

September 29, 1942 to April 2004

"Don Grivna passed away at his home in Penryn, CA in April of 2004. Don was with Elanco and Dow AgroSciences for 28 years and retired in 2000. Those who knew Don will remember him as a warm and generous man, the kind of guy who might have 250 of his closest friends over on a Sunday for an ox roast. He was loved by his family, friends, competitors and customers. Don was a major fixture in the northern California turf & ornamental scene, and a great friend of the CWSS. He leaves his wife Mary and two grown children.

Don and his family came west from Iowa in 1980 after Don had already become a legend selling Treflan herbicide in the midwest. In California, Don and family settled on the "Lazy G" ranch in Penryn, where Don grew his famous "Grivna Sweet Corn". Don continued after retirement as a main attraction selling corn at the Auburn Farmers Market, where he was also a board member. The sign on Don's booth might have said "two for a dollar", but everyone knew Don would give 'em three. That's just the kind of guy he was."

Bruce E. Kidd

Dow AgroSciences