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Burton M. Judson, Jr.

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Burton M. Judson, Jr. was born on April 27, 1938 in Cleveland, Ohio. Being a Jr., "Burt" followed in his father's footsteps, graduating from Case Institute of Technology in 1961 with a B.S. in Engineering Science (his father graduated from Case in 1926 in Mechanical Engineering). Both were active in the Zeta Psi Fraternity and Burt was also active in the Interfraternity Council and intramural sports. Upon graduation in June 1961, Burt began working for Reliance Electric in Cleveland, Ohio as a Drive Systems Engineer in the paper group. During his 39 years at Reliance, Exxon, now Rockwell Automation, Burt has had a broad range of responsibilities. He held various positions in the paper group in Engineering and Marketing. He was Business Manager and later Marketing Manager for the Modernization Services Group of Reliance. He also managed the Engineered Services Group. Later Burt returned to the Drives System Group where he worked with global accounts and on pulp & paper drive systems for applications throughout the world. He has spent much of his career focused on the pulp & paper industry and his present position is Senior Application Engineer serving the forest products industry. He retired from Rockwell Automation in ???

Burt attended his first IEEE Pulp & Paper Conference in Niagara Falls, Ontario in 1966. He immediately joined the committee and became active in the Drives System Subcommittee. Years later, he switched to the EMMC Subcommittee and later became Chairman of that group. Burt hasn't missed a conference in 35 years of active participation on our committee. He has also served in all the chairs of the Executive Office for the National Committee including Treasurer, Secretary, Program Chair and Chairperson.

In addition to IEEE, Burt has been active in TAPPI since the mid-60s. He has been involved in many activities and committees including the Electrical Engineering Committee, the Process Control Committee and the Energy Committee. Burt has served on the Division Council of the new Process Control, Electrical and Information Division of TAPPI since its inception, and was in charge of publicity and editor of the division newsletter.

Burt has presented many technical papers and panels during his years of service in both IEEE & TAPPI. In September of 1961, Burt married Marianne Ranta, a registered nurse, who graduated from St. Luke's Hospital. They moved into and still live in Burt's childhood home on Brown Avenue in Willoughby, Ohio. They are the proud parents of 3 children Kristine, Burton III and Paul. They have 6 grandchildren who all live close by and enjoy the loving watchful eye of grandpa. Marianne passed away in ????. Burt has remarried Linda ??, and they have moved to a home very near his old house. Burt has always felt family and friends are very important in life and he still plays cards monthly with "old" friends. He is very active in church (Willoughby United Methodist) serving on various committees and teaching Sunday school for 15+ years. Burt is an avid golfer (not a scratch golfer according to Kristine), and he has at least one hole in one. Kristine says there are witnesses. When the weather turns colder, Burt also can be found rooting for the Cleveland Browns.