

The late E.M. “Benny” Lundquist, who retired after 46 years of raw materials acquisition for Gunderson, researched and wrote the original chronicle from which this story was taken. It is a complete and exhaustively detailed company history. Benny had a tremendous amount of experience at Gunderson, where he started out as a tool room clerk and moved up to run all of purchasing for the company for most of those years. In just the ten years before his retirement he was responsible for the purchase of nearly \$1 billion worth of material and as much as 200,000 tons of material in a single year.



E. M. “Benny” Lundquist
1915 - 1998

When Benny’s tome, *The Gunderson Story – An American Classic* came out, it was an instant hit with long-term employees of the company. They loved it. Everybody they had ever worked with, every project the company had ever taken on, was in Benny’s work. In exquisite detail.

This is a synopsis of Benny’s history. This work is published partly as a tribute to this loyal employee who served and led a vital part of Gunderson for so many years. He made an immeasurable contribution to the success of Gunderson during his near half-century there.

Much of Benny Lundquist remains in this book and the debt we owe him is incalculable.

Bruce Harmon