

Robert Cannon ^{Oct} 1978

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Married. Born in Tenn. High School sweethearts Harvey came to Mich. ~~worked~~ at G.M. followed him here. Roberta retired in 1987. She went to put in ap. with sister-in-law to seek work at Fisher Body. Came to plant got called 4 or 5 days after ap. Worked in Trim and always did work in Trim. Hired on NS, Harvey worked days so had baby sitter for their son. Not intimidating at plant people very nice, because if were wouldn't have stayed - did door locks switched to days had same job. Came in plant at age 30.

Mostly people at work were about the same age. 1st day, "what am I doing here, can I keep up and nothing hard" Harvey walked here through what would go on. She wanted the money for her childrens through college - 3 kids daughter Mrs. OBBYN, 2nd daughter Pharmacy Rep Son teacher

1st job back door locks, though job was pretty good, other people had harder job did locks on 4 doors - Next job deadner befor headliners, too short for job about 5'5". Trim special memories - always in trim, after sick leave on restriction did inspection in 3x.

Lunch - Doug Stock (Supervisor) would bring in lunch - because he would fix it so they could get time off for family doings. A lot of times go home check on kids, or stay in and call kids (3 years apart in age) stayed in most of the time.

Bob Buckmeister (jr.) lunch time on days Dad - Asst Super. would do Bob's job so he could jump in Dad's car and go get McDonalds. Jr. would go to bar everyday - I would sleep ~~everyday~~ he would wake me up when he came back - helped a lot. Any problems with Management Stock & Tolliver they were great. Fred along he was great, Wade was quiet, planned he needed excitement. So had a belly dancer come in he turned so Red and it was so much fun. Nelly Cox - pick up man - (repair) was a really good person. Roy Ploughman was biggest cry baby - had to treat them like kids Remember Gary Bernath - was putting in gas doors, he was leaving was giving him a dinner, he didn't come in on Fri so missed the dinner.

Did you consider people in work area brothers & sisters, yes we all were friends home away from home.

Young generation think they can do everything
don't need help, don't need help.

Name changes - a lot of change came
around while I was out on sick leave.
information EPG leader - talk to someone
and help people.

Fisher Body always Fisher Body
no other name counts.

Any fatal accidents no - no heart
attacks or anything.

Employees got involved in the plant
it wasn't all management, they could voice
opinions.

Quality - solidarity working together
wanting to keep jobs - so do good job.

Bad supervisor - contract supervisors
didn't know anything about job or couldn't
even do job - so how can they tell you
how to do job.

Union - was active - ^{attended meetings} Ron Perry was a
caring person & cared about people. If couldn't
work things out with super, then would call
committ person. Worked with Women's Comm,
Recr. Com. Civil Rights Comm.

Tell people what you were doing with the
Union tell them what it involves and
if asked they to could get involved.

United Way - Help people and give back because have been blessed. Talking to people about what could be done and where to go - Went from Super. to employee involvement participation to explain things.

Racism or sexism - had no trouble in the plant. Haven't had any problems with this.

Medical & health benefits are best negotiated part of contract for her.

did a lot of cooking - did ever help anyone in area - death, sickness -

Community service outside plant, feeding homeless, mentoring young people, cooking dinner for families. Women's Comm. fund raisers Heart Assoc. Homeless, Cristo Rey hats & mittens donate food & clothing to needy families.

Treasurer of C.V.W. Trustee Reg 1-C
Ex Comm NAACP.

Stay involved even though retired - youngest Retiree at Retiree Dinners.

Work - Things change everyday - stress continue to make it bigger & better place keeps it #1 - Hardwork Solidarity - Work together Employee, Union & Management.