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Ruben Murillo Sr.
October 9, 1953 ~ May 10, 2023

Ruben Murillo Sr. was born on October 9, 1953. He was born, raised and lived his entire life in Houston, Texas. He is predeceased by his mother, Teresa Carrizales and his father, Julio G. Rios. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 27 years, Rosa Murillo. He had two wonderful children; his beautiful daughter Delicia Garcia, who preceded him in death and his devoted son Ruben Murillo Jr. and wife Dafney, along with his stepchildren, Nelly Carlos and Jaime Carlos. He loved being a grandpa to Veronica Garcia, Alex Murillo, Gaby Murillo, Jiovanni Carlos, Devany Cabrera, Drew Cabrera and Lexi Yanez.

Ruben cherished his seven siblings: Martin Frank Carrizales, (who also preceded him in death) and wife Linda; Angelo Murillo and wife Maria; Gloria Arredondo; Belinda Rios and husband Don; Julie Mendoza; Rebecca Uballez; Yolanda Rios, and husband Monte. There are many nephews, nieces, great-nephews and great-nieces that enjoyed his humor, crazy antics and wild jokes who will deeply miss him.

He was a movie enthusiast of classic gangster and mafia genres with the Godfather Saga being his favorite trilogy. There wasn't a line he couldn't quote or voice he couldn't recreate. He was an avid home team fan, Astros, Texans, Rockets, any home team. The game being on was a good time to have a great time with family – not that he needed help having a good time. He loved to fish and spend an early morning casting out at the Texas City Dike or Pier 61, watching the sun rise and fighting the tide.

With his grand sense of humor, love, knowledge of music and larger-than-life personality, he was the life of the party! Ruben's love for music naturally

progressed into his side-gig of being a DJ as the Latin Social Club. Starting out with vinyl albums, huge speakers and a turntable, he eventually upgraded to streamlined speakers and a laptop which evolved into what everyone knew as CD Express. One of his greatest joys was watching the dance floor fill up from the sound of his mixes.

The only thing that came second to his music was his love of creating something from nothing. His innovative mind and strong hands could create or fix anything. From a bike made of scrap parts to a wooden box that transformed into a DJ stand, he could build anything. A feat he was proud of was his garage – equipped with every tool necessary for any project imaginable, he loved to transform his idea into a reality.

He put his strong and talented hands to work all his life. He had a 32-year career with Southern Pacific/Union Pacific where he made lifelong friends and lasting memories working on locomotives where he lived his passion in fixing things. He also was a long-time employee of Maxwell House, ironic because he loved his coffee. No matter where he was or where he went, he never met a stranger, always met a friend and always left a lasting impression on those around him.

Ruben, you will be missed, never forgotten and will always be loved! As he would say... aye te wacho!!

Do you have a story about your Southern Pacific career that you wish to share with others? If so, please submit your outline to Bill Fowler at billfowler@southernpacificjourney.org.



Ronald (Ron) Zenon Henderson
April 14, 1942 ~ November 10, 2023

Ronald (Ron) Zenon Henderson, 81, died on November 10, 2023 at his home in Roseville, California, surrounded by family.

Ronald was born on April 14, 1942 in Wahiawa, Hawaii. He had an adventurous and memorable childhood growing up in Hawaii with his beloved parents, Frederick Mustermann and Madeline Montalbo Mustermann, and many siblings, cousins, aunts, and uncles. Ron also lived on Wake Island as a young teenager before moving to Roseville in 1957.

Ronald, also known by friends as "Charlie," was a longtime Roseville local. Upon arriving to Roseville from Wake Island at age 15, he attended Roseville High School where he graduated in 1961. Ron made several lifelong friends in high school, and he enjoyed playing sports including football, basketball, and baseball. He worked several jobs during and after high school. In 1962, Ron apprenticed then began his long career as an electrician for the Southern Pacific Railroad. Ron worked hard, including a graveyard shift for decades, to help support and provide a great life for his family. He was employed by Southern Pacific/Union Pacific for forty years.

Ron was known and loved for his friendliness, respect for others, sense of humor, and generosity. He would do anything he could to support and help his family and friends, and expressed his love warmly and often. Those close to Ron also knew his sharp wit and cleverness, fun pranks, and laidback attitude.

Ron loved camping at Lake Tahoe with his family; but his favorite place was Hawaii, where he was born and raised. Ron returned to Hawaii every chance he could.

Preceding Ronald in death are his parents; sister, Hilda Wells; and brothers, David Idigpio and Marcelino Idigpio, Jr.; and several aunts and uncles. Ronald is survived by his wife, Carol Henderson; his sons, Ronald A. Henderson of Rocklin, California and Steven (Julie) Henderson of South Lake Tahoe, California; three grandchildren; a great granddaughter; sister Florentina McCarthy of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and several cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Aloha, Ronald. We will always love and be grateful for you, and cherish the many good times together.



Tracy Darlene Standridge
September 11, 1957 ~ January 1, 2024

Tracy Darlene Standridge passed away in Orland, California on January 1, 2024 at the age of 66. *She was born September 11, 1957, in Chico, California to Dale and Nyla Standridge. Tracy was preceded in death by her parents, Dale and Nyla, and brother Curtis. Tracy is survived by her sister Julie Nesbitt (Tom), niece, Stephanie Mitchell (Sam) and niece, Autumn Standridge.*

Tracy attended school in Orland, graduating from Orland High School in 1975. She relocated to Sacramento, California to attend secretarial school and stayed in Sacramento for 43 years. Upon completion of the program, she was hired by Southern Pacific. Tracy retired in 2017 with forty-one years of Southern Pacific/Union Pacific service.

While working for Southern Pacific, Tracy attended college and obtained bachelor's degrees in communications and education.

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Robert Roger Brysch
March 2, 1945 ~ January 15, 2024



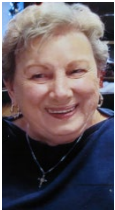
Robert Roger Brysch beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend passed away January 15, 2024, in his home in San Antonio, Texas surrounded by his loving family.

Robert was born in Panna Maria, Texas to Raymond and Theresa Brysch, where he attended elementary school followed by high school at Karnes City High School. He also attended and served as an altar boy for the Panna Maria Catholic Church.

In 1964, he moved to San Antonio, Texas where he worked for Southern Pacific, retiring from Union Pacific in 2009 as chief clerk after a forty-five year railroad career. He also served in the United States Air Force Reserve for 33 years.

In 1966, he married Gloria Eckermann in Panna Maria and they had two sons, Andrew Scott and Michael Alan. He was a member of the St. Benedict Catholic Church and was a Knight at the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed working on his farm in Floresville, Texas, where he grew fruit trees and gardened. He also enjoyed fishing at Rockport, Texas with his sons and grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Raymond, and Theresa Brysch, along with his grandparents. He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Gloria Eckermann Brysch and his two sons, Andrew Brysch (Kimberlee) and Michael Brysch (Angela); four grandchildren; siblings, Carolyn Weston, James Brysch (Helen), Mark Brysch (Wendy); sister-in-law, Gayle Morris (Barry); many nieces and nephews; and many great nieces and nephews.



Pearl Irene Brennan
April 3, 1926 ~ January 24, 2024

Pearl Irene Brennan passed on January 24, 2024 in Newburg, Oregon at the age of 97. She was born on April 3, 1926 in Chicago, Illinois to Henry and Elizabeth Kropp. Pearl was a long time resident of Yuma, Arizona arriving in 1943 from Chicago.

She was hired by the Southern Pacific at age 17 and worked for the Company for 43 years until her retirement in 1986 from the position of Trainmasters Clerk. Pearl dearly loved to tell funny stories about all the people she met and worked with on Southern Pacific, especially the trainmasters and other officers.

After retirement she remained in Yuma where she and her husband Bill were involved in golf, tennis, and the Elks Lodge. Before Bill passed, they loved to travel, golfing wherever they went. Pearl golfed two to three days a week at the Yuma Golf and Country Club, after which she played bridge with her friends. This was a part of her weekly routine until she moved from Yuma in 2015 at the age of 89 to Newberg to be close to her daughter Nancy and her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William L. Brennan; her parents; her son, Richard J. Towne; and her four siblings. She is survived by her daughter, Nancy Babers (Charlie); two step-sons, Mark E. Brennan (Vicki) and Mike L. Brennan (Jayni); three grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.