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Harold Ernest Garrelts
November 11, 1936 ~ March 3, 2022

Son of John M. and Freda K. (Best) Garrelts, passed away in Springfield, Oregon at the age of eighty-five.

Harold was the husband of Shirley A. (Clayton) Garrelts, whom he married on June 20th 1959.

He was father to Cynthia (Mike), Mickey (Cindy), and Greg (Sheila); seven grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; and his pup, Prince.

Harold is also survived by one brother and two sisters.

He had lived in Springfield since moving from Nebraska with his family in 1947. He graduated from Springfield High School in 1955.

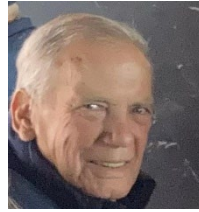
Harold was employed by Southern Pacific and retired 1996.

He loved his family and always wanted what was best for them; he enjoyed camping; and traveling with his grandchildren when they were young.

Harold loved home improvement projects and working with wood. He was an avid Nebraska Corn Husker fan.

Gone ahead to greet him were his parents; four brothers; two sisters; his beloved son Mickey; and his pup Princess.

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Richard William Martin, Jr.
September 28, 1941 ~ March 22, 2022

Richard William Martin, Jr., loving husband of Charlene Vervais Martin, passed away in Santa Rosa, California on March 28, 2022, succumbing to a lengthy illness.

Born September 25, 1941 to William and Betty Martin of Vallejo, California, Richard spent his life living in the San Francisco Bay Area. A serious student and self-described nerd, he excelled in his classes. He attended Vallejo Jr. College and earned an associates of arts degree in information technology. He served in the National Guard and began a thirty-eight year career at Southern Pacific. He was promoted to a management position responsible for IT expertise to personnel at various locations throughout the Southern Pacific system.

As a young man, Richard was accustomed to demanding work; he earned money picking stone fruits in Vacaville, California and helped his father build a log cabin for the family summer home at Donner Lake. In the Tahoe region he excelled at water and snow skiing. He later became an avid golfer and formed many friendships at the Fountaingrove Golf Club in Santa Rosa. A gentleman with a generous heart and kind nature, he also loved to socialize and travel internationally.

Charlene and Richard were both born and raised in Vallejo and went to the same Catholic schools. Although they knew each other well in these early years, it was at a high school reunion, they met again, found love, and married in 2000. The couple lived, worked and enjoyed dining and dancing in San Francisco. They relocated to Santa Rosa in 2003 for beauty and serenity and continued their love of travel.

Richard is survived by his wife, Charlene Vervais Martin; stepson, Charlie Albert Ellis and his wife Jane; grandchildren, Faith, Catie, and Philip; sister, Sally Martin Sweatfield and nieces Jill and Skye Turner; nephew Todd Sweatfield; brother-in-law, Ted Vervais; and nephew Neal Vervais.



Daniel Joseph Stock
June 7, 1934 ~ April 8, 2022

Daniel Joseph Stock, 87, a native of Tucson, Arizona and Southern Pacific/Union Pacific conductor for 62 years, passed away peacefully with his family on April 8, 2022 in Tucson.

Danny, was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was preceded in death by his son, Michael and is survived by his wife, Vera and sons, Daniel "Pat" and Jay; grandchildren, Holly, Jason, Travis, Nina, and Ian; and great-grandchildren, Halie, Alyssa, Keegan, and Bryson.

Danny was born at the old St. Mary's Hospital on June 7, 1934, to his parents Joseph and Cecelia Stock; he attended All Saints Catholic School and Tucson High School. Shortly after graduating from Tucson High School in 1952, Danny signed on as a clerk for Southern Pacific, where he was to make his life-long career as a trainman, holding positions as a brakeman and conductor. Danny's career was briefly interrupted when he was drafted into the Army in the wake of the Korean war and stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington, where he met and married the love of his life, Vera, in 1958. After completing his military service, Danny and Vera moved to Tucson, where they raised their three sons, Pat, Mike, and Jay. Danny's life revolved around his love for his family and his passion for railroading. He was a lifelong student of the bible, Christianity, and spirituality. A kind and softly spoken gentleman, he was always willing to offer help, answer a question, or solve a problem, no matter how small. He was a dear friend to many; his kindness, wit, and warm presence will be deeply missed.

Does your group have a monthly breakfast or luncheon that is not on the SPJ website calendar? The calendar can be accessed by clicking on: <https://www.southernpacificjourney.org/calendar>. If your group wishes to be added, please contact billfowler@southernpacificjourney.org with details.



Albert R. Negrete Jr.
1954 ~ 2022

Mr. Albert R. Negrete Jr. ("Vetito"), a resident of Loma Linda, California, age 68, passed away on March 10, 2022, surrounded by family. Albert was also a resident of Colton and Rialto, California.

Albert worked for Southern Pacific/Union Pacific for 25 years. During the time of his employment, Albert was one of the youngest yard masters. He was also a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (BLET) No. 56.

Preceded in death are his parents, Albert Sr. and Vera Negrete. Albert is survived by his loving companion Lucy Chavez; siblings Janet (Joe) Donohue, Sandra (Mike) Warner, Armando (Lynette) Negrete, Joaquin (Lisa) Negrete; and a many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He will always be remembered as a loving companion, son, brother, cousin, uncle, and friend.



Joe F. Macias
October 16, 1930 ~ April 7, 2022

A lifelong resident of Sacramento, California, Joseph F. Macias, was born on October 16th, 1930. He was beckoned into the heavens on April 7, 2022 to which he peacefully passed at home.

Doting husband to Eleanor Macias, he shared seventy-one years of marriage with his true love. Born to Antonio Macias and Candelaria Nunez, Joseph was a devout Catholic and faithfully attended Saturday mass at St. Robert's Church. Joe Macias retired from Southern Pacific after 42 years of service.

He is survived by his soulmate Eleanor Macias; children Rachel Schroeder (Jim), David Macias, and Lorraine Vasquez (Ramon); grandchildren Wyatt Chester, Alano Vasquez (Michelle) and Raquel Fernandez (Mike); and three great-grandchildren.

He was proud to be a Life Member of Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6; Joseph will be remembered for his devotion to family, community, and cooking from the heart and never a recipe.



Photo from the Ken Yeo Collection, courtesy Placer-Sierra Railroad Heritage Society.

Southern Pacific's Auburn, California Lincoln Street Depot is on the right looking westbound toward the Cherry Avenue bridge. Western Pacific's California Zephyr is detouring through town on its way to

Sacramento. The Zephyr was apparently rerouted over Southern Pacific trackage due to a problem somewhere on the Feather River route.



**Nicolas (Nick) Alonzo Jr
December 9, 1939 ~ April 20, 2022**

Nicolas (Nick) Alonzo Jr, was born on December 9, 1939 and passed away on April 20, 2022

in Houston, Texas.

Nick was born in Refugio, Texas to Nicolas Alonzo Sr and Mary Louise Salazar. He graduated from Santa Fe Springs High School and entered the United States Air Force in 1959. While in the Air Force he served in the Vietnam war and retired honorably in 1979 as a Master Sergeant. After retiring from the Air Force, he worked for Southern Pacific/Union Pacific as a locomotive engineer until his retirement in 2005. During retirement, he enjoyed many travels with his wife, Jani Villarreal Alonzo, and spending time with his grandchildren, Nick was always life of the party at all family events. He was also an active member of the Tejano Veterans Association which he held very dear to his heart.

Nick is predeceased by his father Nicolas Alonzo Sr., who died in the Battle of the Bulge, and his mother Mary Louise Salazar; brother Eddie Alonzo; his sister Sylvia Salazar, and grandchildren Andrea Nicole Parrish and Mark Anthony Parrish.

Nick is survived by his wife of fifty years, Jani Villarreal Alonzo; daughter Connie Parrish and son-in-law Raymond; son Christian; brother Richard Salazar and wife Mary; brother-in-law J. Martin Villarreal and his wife Vicki; and cousin Tomas Fierova and wife Carmen. He is also survived by five grandchildren; three great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and his beloved dog Chloe. Those who knew Nick, would not want us to be sad

but would encourage us to celebrate his great life; so, when you read this, have a sip of tequila in his honor.



**Mike Whitener
July 1, 1934 ~ April 20, 2022**

Mike Whitener age 87 of Pine Bluff, Arkansas passed away at home on April 20, 2022.

Born Samuel M. Whitener on July 1, 1934, in Carthage (Dallas County), Arkansas, he was the son of the late Samuel Mae and Elnora Crowder Whitener. He moved to Little Rock, Arkansas at an early age and graduated from Little Rock High School in 1952.

Mike initially worked for the Rock Island Railroad. He moved to Pine Bluff in 1959, where he worked for the Cotton Belt, Southern Pacific, and the Union Pacific railroads before retiring in 1996 after forty years of service.

He loved hunting, fishing, and wood working and enjoyed making projects for the home and giving to his friends. He was a member of Olive Branch Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Julia Ann Bolt Whitener; four sons, Samuel M. Whitener, Jr. (Renee) of Kingwood, Texas, Mark A. Whitener of Clifton, New Jersey, Matthew E. Whitener (Penny) of White Hall, Arkansas, and William "Bill" M. Whitener (Penny) of Joshua, Texas; one grandson, Bryan Whitener; four granddaughters, April Ockerman (Jason), Hannah Baugh (Justin), Megan Whitener, and Morgan Whitener; and three great-grandchildren, Dylan and Bella Ockerman, and Jaxson Baugh.



**Frank A. Fradelizio
July 9, 1930 ~ January 12, 2022**

Frank Anthony Fradelizio passed away at his home in Fairfax, California, on January 12, 2022, a few months short of his 92nd

birthday, following a brief illness. His last days were spent surrounded by love, with his family and friends.

Frank was born in San Rafael, California on July 9, 1930 and except for a short stay in El Paso, Texas while stationed in the U.S. Army, he lived his entire wonderful life in Marin County. Frank loved Fairfax

and would have been pleased that the Mayor recently signed a Proclamation naming it "Frank Fradelizio Day" in the town. He attended San Rafael High School, where he met MaryEllen Ryan, who would eventually become his wife. They got married after graduating from high school and traveled to El Paso where they lived while Frank fulfilled his military obligation and went on to raise six children together.

He then enjoyed a long and successful career in the railroad industry, starting as a freight handler for the Northwestern Pacific Railroad, and retiring as an officer of the Southern Pacific in San Francisco. Following his retirement, Frank purchased the Fairfax Bakery, where he enjoyed decorating cakes, making pastries and visiting with the many friends that he made through the years. He was always happy to donate the bakery's cakes to schools, Little League teams, and other charitable organizations that requested them. Our Dad believed in his family, his God, his country and in the curative powers of raw ginger as a treatment for cancer. Frank was proud of his Italian heritage, and his crab cioppino and polenta and stew were always family favorites. He was a longtime parishioner of St. Rita's Catholic Church, and prior to Covid he faithfully attended weekly Mass there. Frank was also a member of the Fairfax chapter of the Native Sons of the Golden West.

Missing him greatly are his many friends and family, including sons John (Georgia), Michael (Debbie), Paul (Jeannine) and Charley (Adrienne); daughter Katie (Mike); eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was predeceased by his wife of 62 years, Mary Ellen and his son Kevin.



William P. Lamar
1934 ~ 2022

William P. Lamar, 87, of Morgan City, Louisiana passed away on April 19, 2022, after a brief illness, surrounded by his loving

family.

A longtime resident of Morgan City, he loved watching LSU football and baseball. Bill enjoyed country music and especially enjoyed dancing with his lovely "little bride." He was a great fan of cowboys and western movies, notably anything with John Wayne. We believe he had most of them memorized! Bill retired from Southern Pacific after 47 years of service. His home office was the "Train

Room" filled with his collection of railroad memorabilia and the love of all things trains, which he has passed on to his family.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Preston and Addie Lamar; brother Clyde Lamar; and sisters Margaret Herber and Mary Johnson.

He is survived by his lovely wife of 67 years, Lorena Alcina Lamar; his favorite sister in law, Theresa Blanchard; brother in law Jerry Johnson; children William P Lamar Jr (Michele), Addie F Fields, Loren D. Lamar, June L. Daigle (Calvin); grandchildren, Travis Lamar, Matthew Lamar, Adam Fields, Sarah Fields, Jacob Daigle, Brent Daigle, William Patrick Wiley, Jennifer K Kendrick, Shannon Brynne Lamar, and Melissa Gomez; great grandchildren Cameron Wiley, Reid Wiley, Braden Lamar, Kaylie Gomez, Kai Gomez, Alexis Lamar, Lindsey Lamar, Victoria Lamar, Elise Lamar, Chaz Daigle, and Lily Grace Daigle; and many other nieces, nephews and friends.



Harold E. Friederick
June 8, 1938 ~ April 27, 2022

Harold E. Friederick, age 83, of La Vernia, Texas passed to his Heavenly home on April 27. Harold was born June 8, 1938, in La Vernia, to Edwin "Boogie" Friederick and Julia (Lattka) Friederick.

Harold is preceded in death by his loving wife of more than 52 years, Sudie Wahl Friederick; daughter, Kim Friederick; parents, Edwin and Julia Friederick; and sister, Ida Parker.

He is survived by and will be forever missed by his daughters, Kristy Rodriguez (Frank), Kerry Janek, and Monica Coldewey (Allen); thirteen grandchildren; twenty-three great-grandchildren; sisters, Margie O'Rear (Richard), Mary Wahl (Bobby); brother, Freddie Friederick (Joyce); brother-in-law, Bill Wahl; and numerous nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Editor's note: Mike Dickerson advises that Harold, whose nickname was "Rookie," worked in the San Antonio AW&E shop and gangs throughout Texas between 1966 and 2002.