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Wendell Sterling Kirton
October 19, 1944 ~ May 3, 2021

I first met Kirt at the telegraph office in the Oakland Yard on August 30, 1968, which was my first day of employment with Southern Pacific. He was the teletype clerk and Rod Ortino was the head telegrapher. I trained with three weeks on day, afternoon, and midnight shifts, as which point I was assigned to work the telegrapher's position for the overnight shift.

Kirt and I became friends and we both ended our Southern/Union Pacific careers at the intermodal ramp in Oakland. He will be missed.

Editor's note: This memorial was written by Gary Guzman.



Douglas Foster Williams
March 29, 1934 ~ July 7, 2022

Douglas Foster Williams was born March 29, 1934, in Monte Vista Colorado, the second child of Charles and Alice Williams. He was predeceased by his wife Darla Williams, brother Bob Williams and sister Mabelle Kennedy. He is survived by his brother Leroy (Kim) Williams; sons Darin (Brandy) Williams and son Dan (Ronda) Bolin; grandchildren Steffan (Adrienne) Bolin, Devan (Alicia) Bolin, Haley Williams, and Brenna Williams; and great grandchildren Lane, Lola, and Kolt.

As a child, Doug's family moved around from Colorado to Arizona and California until settling in Springfield, Oregon where his dad worked for the Southern Pacific.

Doug graduated from Springfield High School in 1952 where he lettered in wrestling and football. Upon graduation, Doug went to work as a switch operator at for Southern Pacific.

In 1953, Doug enlisted in the United States Army. He was in the 11th Airborne Division where he spent three years and progressed through the ranks to become a sergeant and served as a jump master. Doug remained in the service as a reservist until his honorable discharge in June of 1961. After his three years of active duty, he returned to work for Southern Pacific. Doug worked at the Eugene yard for over 40 years, where he retired as assistant general yard master. Doug said often, "I never missed a paycheck in my life."

Doug married the love of his life, Darla Logan, on November 29, 1963. Darla, being previously married, brought a son, Dan, into the marriage. They added another son, Darin in December 1965.

Doug loved watching his boys compete in various sports. Doug also enjoyed spending time with family and friends at his cabin on ten acres in Sisters, Oregon. Doug fondly referred to it as the "Rock Pile," where he and Darla spent countless hours picking up and stacking rocks, raking pine needles, and storing firewood.

Doug was introduced to skiing by his brother Leroy and he was hooked. He loved to ski, especially with his family. In the 1970s, he opened Mogul Mouse Ski Shop with his high school friend Don Carter. Doug left the business in 1985. After his retirement from Southern Pacific, Doug spent time with Darla watching their grandkids' sporting events, taking

numerous family camping trips, enjoying rodeo weekends at the Sisters, and going on hunting trips where he was fondly referred to as “El Toro.” Doug was also an avid Oregon Duck sports fan. The highlight of his fandom was taking the family to the 1996 Rose Bowl.

Doug was a special man that loved to help others and was loved by many.

Doug passed on July 7, 2022, at his home with loved ones by his side.



Trenton D. Jenkins
January 27, 1944 ~ July 22, 2022

Trenton D. Jenkins, 78 of Victoria, Texas, passed away on July 22, 2022. He was born January 27, 1944 in Victoria to Aubrey A. and Florence Fagan Jenkins. Trenton served his country in the U.S Army and was honorably discharged in 1969. During his civilian years, Trenton worked for the Southern Pacific. He is survived by his sons Brandon Jenkins and wife Christina of Portland Texas, Jeremy Jenkins and wife Vicky of Victoria, and four grandchildren, Nina Jenkins, Kyla Jenkins, Danny Jenkins, and Marley Jenkins. In addition to his parents, Trenton was preceded in death by his sisters, Sandra Jenkins Malone, Linda Jenkins, and two granddaughters, Mia Jenkins and Adeline Jenkins.

Trenton remained in the Guadalupe River bottom area South of Victoria, not far from where he was raised, for the duration of his life, enduring the occasional threat of flood, while enjoying the peaceful environment of country living.

A lifelong interest for riding motorcycles began after his father created one from a bicycle. This led to great adventures ranging from the winding paved backroads of the Texas countryside to the dirt roads and mountain trails in Colorado and old Mexico alongside his boys. To say the least, a lifetime of memories was made on two wheels.

A charismatic personality allowed him to converse with any stranger as if they had been friends for years. Willing to lend a hand, listening ear, or to share advice, he regarded strangers as friends and engaged with any and all who crossed his path. Whether it be at the filling station pump or an aisle in the local grocery store, the spectrum of people he knew and befriended was wide reaching and diverse as imagined.

His grandchildren meant the world to him and held a very special place in his heart.

Friends and loved ones that knew him came in all walks of life and he will be missed greatly by all.

Editor's note: Mike Dickerson advises that Trenton Jenkins was a retired conductor, with headquarters in Victoria.

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Jimmie Wayne Cloud
April 28, 1942 ~ July 6, 2022

Jimmie Wayne Cloud of San Antonio, Texas passed away in San Antonio on July 6, 2022 with his family at his side. Jimmie was born April 28, 1942 in San Antonio, Texas to Lester and Sybil Cloud. Mr. Cloud retired from Union Pacific in 2010 after 50 plus years of dedicated Southern Pacific and Union Pacific service.

Jimmie was preceded in death by both parents and a brother, Joe Cloud.

He is survived by his beloved wife of sixty years, Joy Cloud; son, Darrell Cloud and his wife Paige; daughter, Dené Cloud; siblings, Janie Kinlaw, Jerry Cloud and wife JoAnn, and Judy Leece; sister-in-law, Lori Cloud; three grandchildren, Tyler, Marshall, and Kendall

Cloud. Jimmie is also survived by numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear friends.



James A. Posey, Jr.
March 14, 1953 ~ July 19, 2022

James A. Posey, Jr., passed away peacefully at home on July 19, 2022 at the age of 69. He was born March 14, 1953 in San

Marcos, Texas, to James A. Posey, Sr. and Pauline J. Yelvington Posey.

James is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Susan Posey Carroll; father-in-law, Gervase F. Moczygemba. He is survived by and will be forever missed by his wife Karen Sue Moczygemba Posey; children, Heidi Marlene Posey Noll and spouse, Douglas, Thomas Garland Posey and spouse Melanie, and Sherman Lee Posey and Megan; grandchildren, Tobyn James, Owyn Allen, Blake Thomas, Emerson Darlene, Kade Garland, Beckett Lee, and Knox Emil; sister, Joan Posey Schmidt and spouse Daniel; mother-in-law, Marlene Moczygemba; sisters and brothers-in-law, Rick Carroll, Bryan and Lisa Orth, and Ira and Karen Moczygemba; numerous nephews, nieces, cousins and Godchildren.

Editor's note: Paul Gotthardt advises the James Posey was a locomotive engineer on the San Antonio Division.



Floyd "Fuddy" Wayne Pursel
July 26, 1947 ~ July 20, 2022

Floyd "Fuddy" Wayne Pursel, age 74, passed away on July 20, 2022 in League City, Texas with his beloved wife of 42 years, Kathy,

by his side. Floyd was born in San Antonio, Texas on July 26, 1947.

He graduated from East Central High School in 1965 and went to work for Southern Pacific. He was drafted and served in the US Army between 1967 - 1969 including a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1967 – 1968. During his service,

Floyd received a Silver Star for gallantry in action, a Bronze Star for heroic service, and four Purple Hearts. Floyd retired from Southern Pacific/Union Pacific after 42 years of service working as a switchman and conductor between 1965 to 2007. He spent his fifteen years of well-deserved retirement relaxing in his favorite chair and visiting with his kids and grandkids.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Floyd R. and Ruby Pursel. Floyd leaves behind his loving wife, Kathy Pursel; son Anthony and wife Linda Pursel; daughter April and husband Michael Griesenbeck with his favorite grandson Jackson; and son Dusty and wife Jessica Cejka with three beautiful granddaughters, Brylee, Brooklyn, and Brenna whom he adored. He also leaves behind his remaining Aunt Rene Cantu (famous for the bunny hop) of California.