

## SOUTHERN PACIFIC NEWSLETTER

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Edited by Bill Fowler



For the readers of this newsletter, I would like to know if you are satisfied with the newsletter containing only obituaries and special announcements or would you like additional content. If it is the latter, I will look to you to provide suggested articles. I will provide the editing and photos and other exhibits.

Thank you,

Bill Fowler



**Eduardo P. Camacho**  
1935 ~ 2024

Eduardo P. Camacho, a devoted husband, loving father, cherished grandfather, and respected member of this community, passed away in El Paso, Texas on June 8, 2024 age of 89 surrounded by all his family and Irene, his cherished companion of eight years. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 56 years, Amelia Camacho. Together, they raised a beautiful family of five children: Analinda, Stella (Art), Olga, Eddie Jr. (Jenny), and Christopher (Won Yung). His memory will also live with his five grandchildren

Eduardo worked for over four decades at Southern Pacific, where he served with dedication and distinction. Simultaneously, he shared his knowledge and experience as an elementary school teacher in the Ysleta Independent School District. His commitment to service also extended to his country, as he dutifully served overseas in the United States Army for two years. He was a proud graduate of Bowie High School and the University of Texas at El Paso.

Eduardo's dedication to his family was unwavering, as he selflessly provided love, guidance, and support to each member of his family throughout their lives. He leaves behind a lasting impact on his children and grandchildren, who will carry his memory with them always. Eduardo's warm smile, kind

heart, and wonderful sense of humor endeared him to all who had the privilege of knowing him.

**George R. Carter**  
November 8, 1935 ~ April 15, 2024

George was born November 8, 1935 to loving parents and peacefully passed away April 15, 2024. He was a beloved brother, brother-in-law, husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, son-in-law, uncle, great uncle and friend to all who knew him. He will be missed.

Living his entire life in Sonoma County, California, he eventually met through mutual family members his loving wife of 70 years of

marriage to Alberta L. Bassignani - Carter. Married life began in Petaluma, California. Alberta became a Special Education teacher, and George, who loved trains, became a signalman/lineman for Southern Pacific and Northwestern Pacific.

Wanting all that a very simple lifestyle could offer them when they retired they became snow birds in the winter months in Desert Hot Springs, California. There, the weather kept them comfortable & warm, close to their friends, and even closer to their ultimate happy spot, Disneyland, (visited often).

The would then return to their home in Sebastopol, California to enjoy our summer weather and to be close with family.

George is survived by his wife, son, daughter, daughter-in-law, and other extended family members.

As many of you know, one way that Southern Pacific retirees stay connected is through breakfast and luncheon meetings throughout each month.

It would be appreciated if you can click on the following link, <https://www.southernpacificjourney.org/calendar>, and let me know if the information for your is accurate, and, if not, please let me know what needs to be changed. If your group is not listed, please furnish me complete particulars, and I will add it to the calendar.



**Arthur Paul Angst**  
**March 15, 1940 ~ May 17, 2024**

Arthur (Art) Paul Angst, age 84, died in San Francisco, California on May 17, 2024.

He was born on March 15, 1940 to Edward and Pia Angst in Switzerland, where he lived with his mother, father, and sister Alda Angst.

Art's father Edward moved to the United States where he found work as a chef. Art came to the United States at the age of 17 with his mother and sister and attended Jefferson High School where he graduated in 1958.

After graduating from high school, Art was employed by Southern Pacific, where he worked for 36 years. He also served in the United States Army for a few years, including postings in Alaska and later Geneva, New York, where he met Kathleen (Kathy) McCann in 1966. After a whirlwind romance, Art and Kathy married and soon after moved to Pacifica, California where Art and Kathy raised their three children.

Art was a kind and generous man who loved traveling, camping, and cooking for his family.

As part of the Pacifica community, Art was an active member of St. Peter's Parish – where he held several roles. He also enjoyed singing in the choir. He was also a member of the Pacific senior center, where he regularly enjoyed lunch and social activities, as well as serving on the Seniors in Action council.

Art was predeceased by his wife, Kathy, and is survived by his sister Alda, daughters Deborah and Jennifer, son Jeffrey, and his five grandchildren. He will be missed by his extended family, friends, and parish community.

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**Wayne Lee Martin**  
**March 31, 1946 ~ April 19, 2024**

Wayne Lee Martin, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and community leader, passed away peacefully at his home in Coarsegold, California on April 19, 2024. He

was surrounded by the love of his family. Wayne was born March 31, 1946, in Fresno California, to Fred Kenneth Martin and Emma Jennie (Balmer) Martin. Wayne was preceded in death by his parents and loving brother, Fred Kenneth Martin Jr.

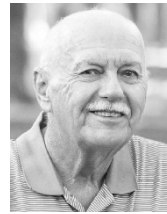
Wayne leaves behind his devoted wife of 54 years, Karen Martin, his daughter Julie Martin Whiting and her husband Steve Whiting of Lodi, and his son Jonathon Wayne Martin and wife Ellen Martin of Sacramento. He was a proud grandfather to four grandchildren.

After graduating from Fresno High in 1964, Wayne began his professional journey with the Southern Pacific, where he dedicated over two decades of service until 1985. He continued his career in the railroad industry, working with various short lines and consulting firms across the United States and internationally. His passion for trains never waned, and he left an indelible mark on the industry.

Wayne was known for his generous spirit and his commitment to making people smile. For 36 years, he embraced the role of the "Pumpkin King," spreading joy throughout the Fresno area. His legacy lives on through the annual Great Pumpkin Blood Drive, which he spearheaded in support of the Central Valley Blood Center. Wayne was also a dedicated member of the East Fresno Rotary, where he found fulfillment in serving his community.

In addition to his professional and community contributions, Wayne cherished his faith, family, and country. He found joy in spending time with his grandchildren and watching them play and compete.

Do you want to know and learn more about the history of Southern Pacific? Please consider joining the Southern Pacific Railroad History Center (<https://www.splives.org/plans-pricing>).



**John A. Powell**  
**March 16, 1946 ~ May 27, 2024**

John A. Powell, 77, of Roseville, California, passed away on May 27, 2024.

John was born in San Luis Obispo, California, on March 16, 1947, to John and Mary Powell. John graduated from Roseville High School in 1966, and he worked for the Southern/Union for 34 years as an electrician.

He was a member of the Boy Scouts of America, St. Rose of Lima Church, International Bureau of Electrical Workers, and The Knights of Columbus #4540.

John leaves behind his beloved wife, Wanda, of 54 years; son, Jason and his wife Christy; daughter, Staci and her husband Brian; five grandchildren; nephew Rick; brothers William Powell (Denise) and David Powell (Stephanie); sister Joyce Gutierrez (Robert); and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and many beloved family and friends.

John was preceded in death by his mother Mary (Powell) Rexwinkle, father John Powell, sister Margaret (Powell) Brown, brother-in-law William Brown, brother James (Jimmy) Rexwinkle, and nephew William (Bryan) Brown.



**Richard (Rick) Barrick**  
**March 29, 1944 ~ May 19, 2024**

Rick was born in Chico, California, and graduated from high school in Hugo, Oklahoma. He then moved to Arizona, and became an employee of Southern Pacific. He later served in the United States Army, and was stationed in Vietnam. After being discharged from the military, he resumed working for Southern Pacific in Arizona, where he met and married his wife, Tammi Smythe Barrick.

He is survived by his wife Tammi Smythe Barrick; four children, Kim Magnuson (Brett

Magnuson), Ric Barrick (Cheri Hoffman), Beth Monfort (Josh Monfort), and John Barrick (Rachel Barrick); five grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren.

Rick was preceded in death by his father, Edgar Clausine Barrick, his mother, Cleo Nellie Simmons Barrick, and his only brother, Charles Sherman Barrick.

His kind-hearted nature was a beacon of light, and he loved to tell stories. After retirement, he fostered and adopted hundreds of rescue animals. Rick was always willing to take in the next stray. We will sorely miss this cowboy.

Editor's note: Jon Hurst says, "He hired out in 1966 and was promoted to conductor in 1969. Rick retired in 2004."