

Memorial services were held on Saturday, November 22, 2008, at the Southside Baptist Church in Fulton, Missouri, with Reverend Ron Baker officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Central Missouri Food Bank or to a College Trust Fund set up for his grandchildren, Hayden and Baylee. The FRRS is also accepting donations in Merrill's name for the restoration of Western Pacific SW1 501.

Clyde Roger Lippincott passed away on Friday, November 28, 2008, in Newport, Washington. He was born in Oakland, California, on February 13, 1944, to Vance and Agnes Lippincott. He moved with his family to Carson City, Nevada, and lived there until 2007. He was, along with his family, the owner of Frontier Enterprises of Carson City.

Over his life, he was active in various Masonic Bodies, being Past Master of Carson Lodge #1, Carson City, NV; Past Master of Douglas Lodge #12, Genoa, NV; Eminent Commander, E.C. Peterson Commander #8, Carson City, NV. He was also a member Lewis Chapter #1 Royal Arch Masons of Carson City and a past member of Esther Chapter #3, Order of the Eastern Star in Carson City. He was currently attending Newport Lodge #144 and Zillah Chapter #111, Order of the Eastern Star in Newport, WA. He was also a member of the Family Motor Coach Association; National Model Railroad Association; National Rifle Association; Northern Nevada Railway Foundation; Carson City Rifle and Pistol Club, and a long-time member of the Feather River Rail Society.

Clyde is survived by his wife of 32 years, Linda, daughter Lisa Hunter (Will) and 4 grandsons, son Roger Lippincott (Michelle) of NV, Uncle Forest Thayer of CA, and a large extended family.

A memorial service were held on Saturday, December 6, 2008 at the Colbert Presbyterian Church, 1211 E. Colbert Rd., Colbert, WA. In lieu of flowers you may make contributions to The New Hope Resource Center, 1211 E. Colbert Rd., Colbert, WA 99005 or the Northern Nevada Railway Foundation, P.O. Box 339, Carson City, NV 89702-0339.

REMEMBERING...

Some of you may have never met Frank Beavers or Clyde Lippincott. But, if you've ever been up to the museum, you probably benefited from some of their handiwork. These two were active in the FRRS for many years and had a big impact on several members.

Frank had a brief career with the WP, living in an outfit car in the middle of the Nevada desert before going on to work in the Logging industry near Lake Almanor. Some would describe Frank as a fussy "old coot" with strong opinions and "a bone to pick" with just about everybody. But around his friends, Frank always had a smile on his face and a good word of encouragement. Frank worked hard around the museum helping to prepare for special events and woodworking in the carpentry shop. He was a model railroader and historian. And wherever Frank traveled, be it at a model railroad show, another railroad museum or just around his home in Westwood, he was always talking up the museum. Frank would distribute flyers and was a great ambassador for the museum. He embraced the WPRRHS and volunteered many hours sorting and arranging items in the Archives. Frank was also the chairman of our very successful WPRRHS convention in Reno and made provisions to have his private collection donated to the WPRRHS upon his death.

Clyde was a huge, giant of a man with a booming voice and ideas and opinions that were just as big as he was. But while some sat back and complained about him and his opinions, Clyde himself was busy working around the museum - putting his back and his money where his mouth was. Clyde and his wife Linda worked hard on many projects around the museum, including the shower car, repairs to the SN1632, moving the Ingersoll Rand locomotive to Portola, as well as numerous building and grounds projects. And when the museum did not have, or could not afford, the correct tools and equipment to do the job right, Clyde and Linda would show up in their RV with a huge trailer full of tools! When weeds and brush began to reclaim our property, he would spend several days on his tractor making the museum look better and eliminating dangerous fire conditions. At the end of the day, tired and sore, he always had a smile on his face and a friendly pat on the back for his coworkers. More recently, Clyde and Linda were always present for the annual Railroad Days celebration with the Gandy Dancer Model Railroad Club.

*They drew a circle, and shut them out.
Heretics! Rebels! - A thing to flout!
But Love and I, had the wit to win.
We drew a circle - And took them in.*

- Edwin Markham

Thank you guys. We will always remember your valuable contributions to our success. But most of all, we will simply miss having you around.

- John Walker