

maintaining the diesels. Of course, in an environment like that, with so few volunteers, everyone did everything, so Dana and I would work together on track projects and the like. In those days Dana seemed a bit brusque. That might be attributed to the museum environment, youthful exuberance, or many other things; however later in life, removed from the Museum we became great pals. I would look forward to our driving trips over the mountain to Portola, or the gatherings in our friend's backyards watching G-Scale trains going in circles.

Back in the day we really did think we were immortal. Shoving cuts of cars around with electric locomotives in the dark gave us a sense of empowerment, I suppose. Now we know this not to be true. Dana's passing is a moment of great sadness for all of us, not only do we mourn this great guy, but also the passing of our youth.

David Wallace related the following: "Dana left this world within 20 feet of where he entered it... he was the only person I met who was born in his parent's living room!"

No doubt his parents were there to welcome him back home. Goodbye old friend.



Dana Greeley
- Chris Allan photo

DEPARTURE: REED JACKSON

- Rod McClure and Eugene Vicknair

Reed Francis Jackson loved trains from the time he was a child. He was born in Denver on Sept. 14, 1954, and graduated from North High School. At 18, he started working as a brakeman for Union Pacific, following his father and grandfather into the railroad business.

Reed was well-known as the conductor for the Union Pacific Steam Department, and a good friend and member of the FRRS. He died following complications from a surgery to remove a brain tumor on Saturday, August 15, at Poudre Valley Hospital in Fort Collins, Colorado. He was 54 years old.

He was well-known among fans of the UP steam program for always looking the part of the classic passenger train conductor: dark-blue suit with brass Union Pacific jacket buttons, white shirt, black hat and blue vest. He took great pride in this. Among the historic railroad memorabilia he collected were 30 Union Pacific conductor suits. As a memorial, one of his uniforms will be placed on display in the FRRS Display Room.

Reed worked as conductor on UP publicity and excursion trips for company executives, the public, and the famous, including former President George H.W. Bush. A Bush family excursion from Houston to College Station, Texas, was done in celebration of Bush's 80th birthday. He was also the conductor on the train that hauled the Olympic Torch around prior to the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City. Reed even carried the torch part of the way.

Jack Holland, a Union Pacific machinist from Cheyenne who knew Jackson for many years, called him "the greatest ambassador Union Pacific ever had."

Reed made friends on every steam trip, said his brother-in-law Michael Engelbert. "He could talk to anyone, whether it was a child or a 90-year-old."

According to Engelbert, thousands of people asked him questions during the trips and the numerous stops the steam trains made. "He'd answer questions even at the end of a 16-hour shift," said Holland. "He was always courteous and polite and extremely sharp" about railroads and the history of the steam engines.

If anything went wrong, "he was very resourceful and could calm everyone down," said Steve Lee, Union Pacific's manager of train operating policies. "He