



Lonnie Eidson

October 4, 1927 - May 7, 2015

1927-2015

Lonnie D. Eidson, passed away on Thursday, May 7, 2015 he was a longtime resident of 25 years of Lake Montezuma, AZ. Lonnie was born near Puducah, Kentucky on October 4, 1927. He was a World War II veteran proudly serving in the United States Marines in China as a MP. He started his career as a switchman with the Santa Fe Railroad in Belen in the 1950's. After many transfers, he became the Division Superintendent. Lonnie was the longest running Division Superintendent of the Albuquerque Division, he retired while in Amarillo, Texas and moved to AZ. He was preceded in death by his wife, June (Coleman) Eidson. Lonnie is survived by his children, Thomas Robert Eidson of Tacoma, WA; Jeannie S. Eidson of High-Lake Montezuma, AZ; Ricky Louise Eidson of Orlando, FL; six grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren. All services will be held at Romero Funeral Home Chapel on Monday, May 18th with a visitation beginning at 9:30 a.m. and a Funeral Service at 10:00 a.m. Interment will be held at Terrace Grove Cemetery. Please sign Lonnie's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com
Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM

Cemetery Details

Terrace Grove Cemetery

1200 W Aragon Rd
Belen, NM 87002

Previous Events

Public Visitation

MAY 18. 9:30 AM (MT)

Romero Funeral Home Chapel
609 N. Main St.
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

DW

“ *The Santa Fe Railway and its employees on the Albuquerque Division were well served by Mr. Eidson as our division superintendent. He was a very knowledgeable railroader who had exceptional people skills...David Wiegand*

David Wiegand - May 18, 2015 at 09:23 PM

JJ

“ *To the Family of Lonnie Edson:*

Lonnie was an institution on the Santa Fe Railway. Both myself and my father worked for him on the New Mexico Division. My dad knew Lonnie since the early Belen days back in the fifties. Thirty years later, after Lonnie left Los Angeles, I followed those same foot steps.

Time takes us all but the memories never fade away. I shall remember fondly the many conversations Lonnie and I shared over the years, mostly about the railroad, which he loved so dearly. Back then Santa Fe was just one big family, Those were great times for us all. We know not what the future holds but we surly know what the past has meant.

May peace be with your family as we extend our most profound expression of sadness.

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Jack and Claudia Fields Jr.*

Jack Fields Jr. - May 17, 2015 at 10:23 AM

BW

“ The first thing that I noticed when I met Lonnie in the early 80"s was his size and the sound of his voice. He naturally commanded respect but he didn't have to ask for it. He and I worked numerous stressful situations together and he always would listen to suggestions and offer help when you needed it. Few will remember that he was the first one to realize that a trains load/empty configuration was a direct contributor to intermodal train derailments. Because of his efforts to write standards for train makeup we became a safer railroad. In all the years I worked around him I never heard him talk down to anyone, even though he certainly was tall enough to accomplish the task easily. I saw him in Amarillo in 1988, when they closed the Grand Division headquarters, and he was about to retire. The railroad lost a good man. RIP Brother.

Blair Wallace

Blair Wallace - May 16, 2015 at 06:40 PM

DR

“ I had the pleasure of being a friend of Lonnie D. Eidson and his wife June, from the time he was transferred to Winslow, Az., in 1978 as Division Superintendent with the Santa Fe Railway Co. I became his Assistant to Superintendent in 1980 and shared that position until he was transferred in 1988 to Amarillo, Tx. in 1988. We shared numerous trips together over the division, and my Gail & I always attended their Christmas party every year. It was always the highlight of the year to attend and share their friendship. Lonnie was one of the best and friendly Division Superintendents I had the pleasure of working with during my 37 years on the railroad. I will miss him.

David F. Riker - May 14, 2015 at 06:48 PM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero sent a virtual gift
in memory of Lonnie Eidson*



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - May 11, 2015 at 10:43 AM