

## STEPHEN MCVEY – January 28, 2016

Stephen was born on August 24, 1951 and passed away on Thursday, January 28, 2016. Stephen was a resident of Omaha, Nebraska at the time of his passing. Funeral Mass: Monday Feb. 1 2016 at 10:00am at St. Patrick's Catholic Church 508 W. Angus Rd. Gretna NE. Visitation: Sunday 2-5:00pm at Braman Mortuary Southwest Chapel. Interment: Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials to the American Cancer Society

I am deeply saddened to pass along the following email we received from Charlie Duckworth this afternoon:

"Steve McVey passed away this morning due to a battle with pancreatic cancer. Steve started with the Missouri Pacific in 1968 after high school and retired from Union Pacific three years ago. Steve began his career on the White River as an agent-telegrapher working in the various depots along the line and when I met him in 1976 he was a clerk at Carthage. He became a manager at Carthage, Missouri and worked in the field at Atchison and Jefferson City managing the customer service operations there. He was later transferred into St. Louis when the customer service operations were centralized and later he and his family relocated to Omaha when the new building was completed. When Steve retired he was Senior Director Work Order Operations having responsibilities for the work orders and interchange operations over the entire Union Pacific network. Steve was a dedicated manager, having both field knowledge and in-depth knowledge of how the TCS system processed work orders, waybills and interchange. I truly believe he knew more about the UP's computer system than our programmers did.

Steve was a third generation Mopac railroader with both his grandfather and father being agents on the old White River Division. He also had numerous relatives working for the Missouri Pacific.

Besides being career railroaders he was also an avid railroad enthusiast. He collected Missouri Pacific items, took slides and after his diagnosis donated much of his collection to the Missouri Pacific Historical Society archives. Steve was made a life time member of MPHS. He was also a lifelong Cardinal fan. He's survived by his wife Sue and his sons Brian and Mark.

I was lucky enough to spend part of last Monday with him watching the DVD 'Last Days of the Eagle' on the Missouri Pacific."

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Both Mel and I had the pleasure of working alongside Steve in the National Customer Service Center here in St. Louis before it was relocated to Omaha. We can certainly attest to Steve's tremendous knowledge, which he so generously shared with his peers and co-workers.

Chuck Jordan