



Joseph Phillip Garriffa, 70, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on August 9, 2013. Joe was born on December 18, 1942 in Sheridan, WY to Carl Garriffa and Opal (Roberts) Garriffa. He attended Holy Name School and graduated from Sheridan High School in 1960. Throughout high school Joe worked at Jensen's Upholstery Shop and continued to do so after graduating. Following his work at the upholstery shop, he worked at Artic Locker and became the manager until he started his railroad career with C B & Q Railroad on July 26, 1968. Joe continued his railroad career for thirty six years and retired in 2004.

Joe was a member of Holy Name Catholic Church. He was also a member of Eagles Aerie # 186 for 42 years and a member of the United Transportation Union for 45 years. Joe thoroughly loved spending time with his family and also enjoyed camping, wood-working, playing the bass guitar, the accordion and carpentry. He had numerous friends and also enjoyed spending time with them as well. Joe helped with many home improvement projects for family and friends. He was truly a "Jack Of All Trades". He was a railroad memorabilia collector and a huge animal lover.

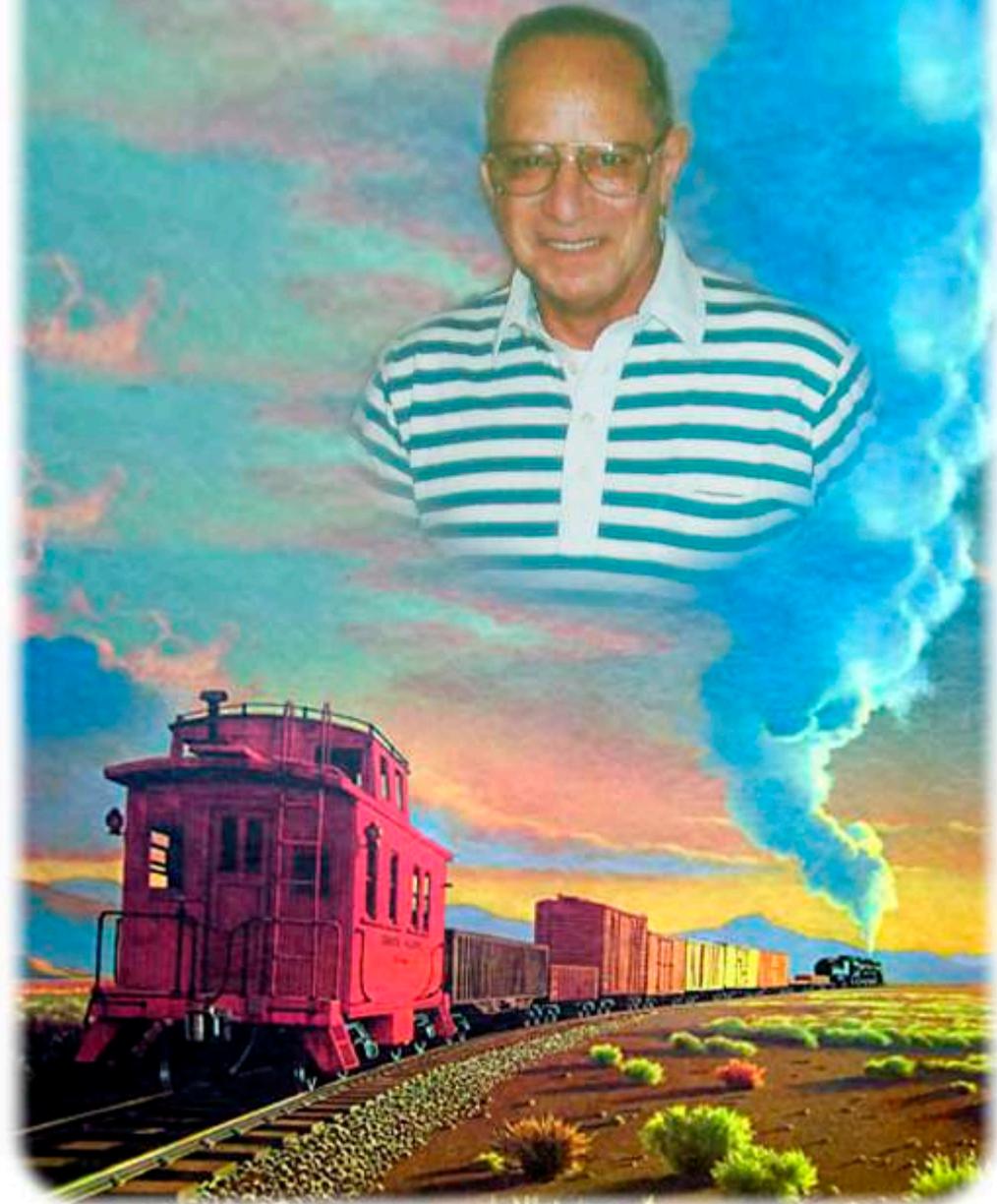
Joe married Billie Griffin in 1960 and together they had two daughters. They later divorced in 1983. After divorcing Billie, Joe engaged in two other marriages, one to Louise Nash and one to Selma Hofmeister.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents and wives Louise and Selma ("Jean"). He is survived by his daughters, Connie Williams (Joey), Sheridan, WY, Carol Garriffa and Lonni Miech, Sheridan, WY, brothers Clint Roberts (Beverly), Pierre, South Dakota, Jack Schlothauer (Nadine), Goleta, California, granddaughters Nicole Wamsley (Adam), Soda Springs, ID and Heather Williams and her fiancé Brian Hampton, Sheridan, WY. Joe also had numerous step-children and step grand-children from his marriages to Louise Nash and Selma Hofmeister. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.



Joseph Garriffa

December 18, 1942 - August 9, 2013





I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard him call.
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
to laugh, to love, to work, or play.
Tasks undone must stay that way.
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void
then fill it with remembered joy,
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss.
ah, yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savored much,
good friends, good times,
a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and share with me
God wanted me now:

SERENITY PRAYER

*God grant me the Serenity
to accept the things
I cannot change...
Courage to change the things I can
and Wisdom to know the
difference.*



In Loving Memory of

Joseph Phillip Garriffa

DATE OF BIRTH

December 18, 1942

Sheridan, Wyoming

DATE OF DEATH

August 9, 2013

Sheridan, Wyoming

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Wednesday, August 14, 2013 at 10:00 am
Kane Funeral Home

OFFICIATING

Father Ron Stolcis

MUSIC

Ave Maria

In The Garden, On Eagle's Wings

PALLBEARERS

Dennis Brennan, Frank Mediate, Wayne Lesch,
Roger Wentz, Bruce Garriffa, David Garriffa

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

John Yeager,
The Late Jack Gorzalka, Don Townsend & Lee Lesch



A reception to follow in the Kane Reception Hall.

Memorials to honor Joe may be made to

The Sheridan Dog and Cat Shelter

84 East Ridge Road

Sheridan, WY 82801

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Funeral Home
www.kanefuneral.com