Husband of Royal Gorge train conductor killed in accident shares story
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CAÑON CITY, Colo. -- A funeral service for the Royal Gorge Route Railroad conductor who was killed in a tragic accident over Memorial Day weekend will be held Monday.

Leslie Cacy, 28, died after the train she was conducting in Cañon City crushed her after she fell off the back.

Cacy became a conductor last summer, according to her husband, Devon Cacy. The two met in 2008 by chance while Devon was working as a server on the train and Leslie was a passenger.

“I had never met anyone like her. And I knew I needed to not let her go,” Devon Cacy said.

For Devon, it was love at first sight. Especially when he saw Leslie’s smile.

“Not only her smile, but she was wearing Converse All-Star shoes. Which I was also wearing at the time as the server, so I thought that was pretty cool,” he said with a chuckle, thinking back at the memory.

Their inevitable relationship brought the pair eight years of happiness, including nearly a year of marriage. Eventually, the two shared similar careers, working at the Royal Gorge Route Railroad.

When Leslie became a conductor in 2015, Devon said she was thrilled. Being a people person, the job of a conductor allowed Leslie to meet thousands of people during the summer season.

“There’s a picture I have of [Leslie] and a little girl hugging because she was so excited to see a conductor,” Devon said.

Everything was perfect, until Saturday’s accident. Devon was aboard the train as the engineer at the time when his wife was killed.

“I just heard it immediately over the radio. And the train stopped,” Devon said. “She had [just] visited the cabin to say hi ... and said, ‘Alright, I’m going to head on back and we’ll start heading east’ and I said ‘OK, I love you and I’ll see you soon.’”

That was the last time Devon spoke to Leslie.

The funeral will be held at the Cañon Community Baptist Church. Visitation is at 10 a.m., followed by the service at 11 a.m. and a reception at noon.
All are invited, but the family is asking anyone in attendance to wear bright colors to reflect Leslie’s bright personality.

A GoFundMe page has also been set up to help the family.