

## Elsie 'Ms. Penny' Martin Remembered by MTA Employees

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- A viewing will be held today from 1 to 7 p.m. at Ashley-Grigsby Mortuary, 9920 South Central Ave., Los Angeles. The funeral is scheduled for noon, Friday, April 26, at the Mount Olive Second Missionary Baptist Church, 9401 Zamora Ave., Los Angeles.

(April 25, 2002) Remembered for her workmanship, kind nature and her cookies, Mopper-Waxer Elsie Martin, also known as Ms. Penny, died last Thursday in her sleep of arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease. She was 58.

Penny worked at the MTA for almost 15 years, and in that time, she gained a reputation of being motherly and warm.



Elsie "Ms. Penny" Martin

"She always fed the guys," said Brenda Cummings, general clerk at the Regional Rebuild Center. "People would say 'There's the cookie lady.' She was a kind-hearted person, She loved the Lord, and she loved people. She was always smiling and always had a kind word to say about someone."

Olivia Nelson, Equipment Records Specialist at Fleet Management and Support Services, remembers Penny as a woman who wanted to solve the world's problems and cared very deeply for the people around her.

"She was a really, really nice person who was always very considerate of the other employees," Nelson said. "She'd mother other people and was always concerned about her fellow co-workers."

Custodial Services General Services Supervisor Joe Coleman said Penny had a strong work ethic.

"She was a good employee," he said. "She got along with her peers and had good attendance until her health started to decline."

Penny's pride in her job and strong character is what Media Relations consultant Gayle Anderson says made her memorable.

"She's the only person who made me clean my desk. And it even lasted a couple of days," Anderson said. "She had good energy and she was a strong worker. She did her job to the max."

Penny is survived by her son, Ronnie; and her two sisters, Dolores and Gail Sanders.

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