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## Funeral Services Set for Retired Operator Evelyn Davis

- Honored by KNX, Metro for delivering baby aboard her bus

(May 13, 2004) Retired Metro Bus Operator Evelyn M. Davis, who was honored as a KNX "Citizen of the Week" for her actions in delivering a baby aboard her Line 20 bus in September 2000, died Saturday, May 8.



Evelyn Davis

Funeral services for Davis are scheduled at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 15, at New Hope Baptist Church, 5200 South Central Ave., Los Angeles. The viewing is scheduled all day, Friday, May 14, at Simpson's Family Mortuary, 3443 West Manchester Blvd., Inglewood, at the corner of Manchester and Crenshaw.

In October 2000, KNX News Radio named Davis "Citizen of the Week." In March 2001, she was selected as one of Metro's "Best of the Best" and received the "Extra Mile" award, given for acts of courage, selflessness and extraordinary service.

The honors recognized her actions on the morning of Sept. 12, 2000, when Davis was asked to call paramedics for a passenger – Susana Millan – who was having labor pains.

Davis cleared the bus, but two women stayed aboard to assist the soon-to-be mother, who spoke only Spanish.

### 'I just had to react'

"I saw her water break and then I saw the baby's head coming," Davis said later. "I didn't have time to think about what to do – I just had to react."

Suddenly, the baby was resting in her hands. She placed the child, a healthy little boy his mother named Juan Jose, on the mother's stomach.

"He looked beautiful," Davis recalled. "His mom was fine and had a smile on her face. I gave her a hug and told her I was the godmother!"

Davis, 51, joined the SCRTD in January 1984, and served at Venice Division 6 and other operating divisions. She retired from Arthur Winston Division 5 in October 2003.



Metro Bus Operator Evelyn Davis visits mother and baby she helped deliver on bus.

A native of Monroe, La., she is survived by two adult children, Fabian Bernard Davis and Aminah Cunningham; three brothers and three sisters; her father, Eddie Davis; and six grandchildren.

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