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Funeral Services Set for Division 6 Operator Lorraine Parker

(Dec. 1, 2006) Funeral services are scheduled Saturday, Dec. 9, for Venice Division 6 Operator Lorraine Parker, who died Nov. 27, following a lengthy battle with cancer.

A viewing will be held from 5 to 9 p.m., Friday, Dec. 8, and a rosary will be conducted at 7 p.m. at Forest Lawn Mortuary, 21300 Via Verde Dr., in Covina Hills. A funeral mass and burial services will begin at 11:30 a.m., Dec. 9, at the mortuary.

Parker, 46, had survived treatment for breast cancer in 2005 and returned to work in March 2006, but then was diagnosed with bone cancer, according to her friend, Gail Ligon, Division 6 stenographer.

"She really fought hard, but always had a positive attitude and never complained once," said Ligon. "It's a sad loss for us."

Lorraine Parker approached her work "always with a smile and never complained," says Division 6 Transportation Manager Alva Carrasco. "An exemplary employee and just happy to be here at work."

Parker joined Metro in March 1999 as a BDOF operator working out of North Los Angeles Division 3. She became a full-time operator in October, 1999 at San Gabriel Valley Division 9 and later worked at East Valley Division 15, before transferring to Division 6.

A native of Maywood, Calif., Parker made her home in Ontario. She is survived by her six children, Sophia, Trina, Josh, Dominic, Antonio and Trisha.



Lorraine Parker

