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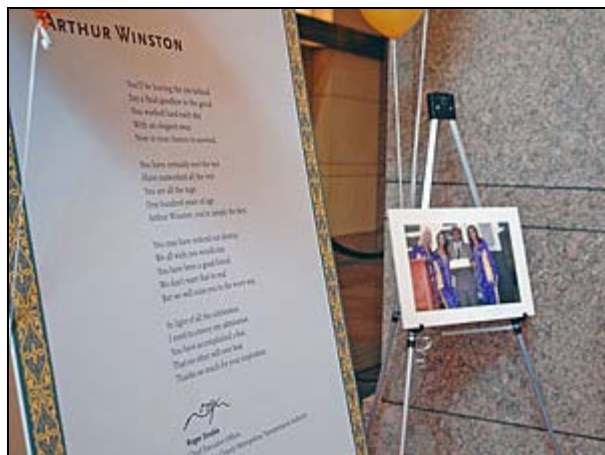
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A poem by CEO Roger Snoble and a photo with the Laker Girls are among the memories Metro employees share at the retirement celebration of 100-year-old Arthur Winston, who died April 13, 2006.

Remembering Those in the Metro Family Who Died During 2006

(Jan. 11, 2007) Metro recorded the deaths of a number of employees in 2006, including the agency's most senior employee – Arthur Winston – who was widely respected for his integrity and dedication to service.

Winston, who retired on his 100th birthday, March 22, 2006, died in his sleep April 13.

Over a 76-year career that included 72 years of continuous service to the agency, he demonstrated a work ethic that inspired his co-workers and won recognition not only within Metro, but also from local, state and national leaders and from APTA, the transit industry organization.

In addition to Winston's obituary, myMetro.net posted funeral notices for 16 other employees or retirees and a former member of the Board of Directors.

Here, in memoriam, are the names of those we lost in 2006:

- Metro Green Line Storekeeper **Larry Magee** died suddenly, Jan. 27. Magee, 50, joined Metro in January 1987.
- Service Attendant **Annie Coleman**, wife of General Services Supervisor Joe Coleman, died Feb. 21. Coleman, 69, joined Metro in 1979.
- Transportation Operations Supervisor **Joseph (Joe) R. Singleton, Jr.**, died Feb. 23 following a long illness. Singleton, 56, joined Metro in March 1972 and left the agency on long-term medical leave in 1993.
- **Masani "Mas" Fukai**, a former member of the SCRTD and Metro boards of directors, died March 5 in Gardena following a lengthy illness. Fukai, 79, was appointed to the SCRTD Board in February 1993 and continued his service on the LACMTA Board until Dec. 31, 1995.

- **Joyce Hudson**, a records and information coordinator in the Board Secretary's Office, died March 24 following a long illness. Hudson, 58, joined Metro in August 1990.
- Retired Service Attendant **Mary S. Mendoza**, 53, died May 20 following a brief illness. She was the wife of Steve Mendoza, a field equipment technician at the Regional Rebuild Center.
- Gateway Division 10 Operator **Brian Walker** died in an automobile accident May 19. Walker, 49, had been a full-time bus operator since March 21, 1999.
- Retired Central City Division 1 Transportation Manager **Jesse Castorena** died July 3 at age 53 following a five-year battle with pancreatic cancer. He joined Metro as a bus operator in 1973 and rose through the ranks to become transportation manager at Gateway Division 10 and West Hollywood Division 7.
- **Velda Medlock**, Accounts Payable Supervising Clerk, died unexpectedly July 3. She was the proud mother of Sheri Patton, whose graduation from El Camino Community College with an AS in Fashion Merchandising was celebrated in the 2005 Metro Honor Roll.
- Transportation Operations Supervisor **Lowry Pickett** died July 14 at his home in Lynwood. Pickett joined Metro as a part-time operator in May 1981 and worked at a number of bus divisions and the Metro Blue Line.
- **Vernisa Mitchell**, 37, an administrative analyst in Operations Contract Administration, died Aug. 11 following a lengthy illness. She joined Metro in January 2001 and had been on long-term sick leave since February 2006.
- **Armando Ponce**, 45, an equipment records specialist at Central City Division 1, died Sept. 14. He was a Metro employee for over 21 years.
- **Rudy Martinez**, 52, a payroll clerk in Accounting, died Nov. 19 in a motorcycle accident in Upland. He joined Metro in 1978 and had reached his 28th year with the agency.
- Venice Division 6 Operator **Lorraine Parker**, 46, died Nov. 27, following a lengthy battle with cancer. She joined Metro in March 1999 as a BDOF operator and became a full-time operator in October, 1999.
- Retired Secretary **Rhea Parnell**, 67, died Nov. 27. Parnell joined Metro Nov. 10, 1986 as a secretary and retired on Oct. 17, 2003 as a secretary in Facilities Engineering-Operations.
- **Michael Cummings**, 56, a configuration management analyst in Construction, died Dec. 2 after a fall on Thanksgiving Day. He joined Metro in April 1996 as a secretary and later became a construction data assistant.
- **Frank Kirshner**, a retired director of Equipment Engineering, died Dec. 6. An employee for 33 years, he joined the Metropolitan Transit Authority in 1956 and later worked for the SCRTD.
- Retired Service Attendant **Henry (Hank) Macias**, 62, died Dec. 23. He joined Metro as a bus operator in 1987. Later that year, he began working as a service attendant. He retired in September 2000 from San Gabriel Valley Division 9.

