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Funeral Scheduled for Blue Line Operator Anthony Cuadra

(Sept. 19, 2007) A funeral service will be held, Friday, Sept. 28, for Metro Blue Line Operator Anthony Cuadra, who died Sept. 14 following a short illness.

Cuadra had been in poor health for some time, according to friends. He was rushed to Centinela Freeman Regional Medical Center in Marina Del Rey, Sept. 13, and was placed on life support in the Intensive Care Unit where he died.



Anthony Cuadra

A viewing will be conducted from 5 until 9 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 27, at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, 6300 Forest Lawn Dr. in Hollywood Hills, 800-204-3131. The funeral is scheduled at 1 p.m., Friday, Sept. 28, in the cemetery's Church of the Hills.

Cuadra, 46, joined Metro in March 1999 as a BDOF operator and transferred to the Blue Line in June 2005.

"Tony really took to the trains, learning the job quickly and thoroughly," said Duane Martin, now transportation manager of the Metro Red Line. "It impressed me that he learned the job so well. He was very well liked by all the Blue Line operators."

A native of Honduras, Cuadra lived in Mar Vista, Calif. He is survived by his wife, Teresa, and daughter, Amanda; his parents, a sister and two brothers.

"He had never been more proud of his accomplishments than when he completed his training to be an operator on the Blue Line," said his friend Gail Ligon, Arthur Winston Division 5 stenographer. "He loved operating the train."