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## Funeral Services Set for Former SCRTD General Counsel Richard Powers



Former SCRTD General Counsel  
Richard T. Powers

(Sept. 27, 2007) Funeral services are planned, Friday, for a longtime SCRTD general counsel and interim general manager. Richard T. Powers, who died Tuesday in Fullerton, was 83.

A rosary is scheduled at 7 p.m., today, at Beatitudes of Our Lord Catholic Church, 13013 San Gertrudes Ave. in La Mirada (562-943-1521. The funeral will be held in the same location at 10:30 a.m., Friday.

Powers retired from the agency in 1987 after serving as general counsel, beginning in 1971. For eight months, beginning in September 1980, he was general manager pro tempore between the tenures of general managers Jack Gilstrap and John Dyer.

"He loved working for the District and with his friends," said his son, Richard Powers Jr. "He always spoke very highly of it."

Powers, who died at the Park Vista Morningside assisted living facility in Fullerton, had suffered a series of strokes and had been in ill health for some time, according to a family member.

Prior to joining the SCRTD, Powers was on the legal staff of Western Airlines. He attended St. Bonaventure University and earned a law degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He was a native of Wellsville, N.Y.

Powers is survived by eight children and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Noel, who died in 1982.