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Metro Maintenance Specialist Succumbs to Cancer after a Long Fight

(Feb. 8, 2008) Raul Quintana, a 10-year Metro veteran who worked on the Red Line, passed away last week. He was 56.

Quintana had been out on a medical leave for more than a year as he battled cancer. Rafael Mastrangelo, Quintana's co-worker and fellow maintenance specialist, said he was a "great guy and a great employee."

"When I first started at the Red Line, I was new coming into the field," Mastrangelo said. "He was one of the first guys to show me how to work on the trains – and he was like that for everyone."

"He was one of those guys who was just outstanding in every way," Mastrangelo continued. "He always had a kind word and a helping hand. He was the kind of guy that you're really sorry to see something bad happen to."

At his own request, there will be no services for Quintana. He asked that any type collection taken to honor his passing be donated to the American Cancer Society, which the Red Line employees plan to do.

Quintana leaves behind a wife and three daughters.



Raul Quintana