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## Services Scheduled for Division 2 Transportation Manager Thom Pelk

- **UPDATE** A memorial service on Thursday, March 27, will be held at 1 p.m. at Dilday Brothers Funeral Directors, 17911 Beach Blvd., Huntington Beach, CA 92647. Information: (714) 842-7771.
- Crossroads Depot employee lost battle with leukemia

By NED RACINE, Editor

(March 20, 2008) Thom Pelk, Division 2 Crossroads Depot transportation manager, who joined Metro in January 2003, lost his battle with leukemia on March 17.

Pelk is survived by his wife Lynette, son Jakob, daughter Megen and two grandchildren.

"The Metro Gateway Cities Sector and the agency lost a great manager and better person on Monday when Division 2 Transportation Manager Thom Pelk passed away," said Alex Clifford, Gateway Cities Sector general manager. "Thom was hired to manage Division 2's transportation division in 2003, and was a respected and admired manager."



Thom Pelk

According to Clifford, Pelk was diagnosed with leukemia a couple of years ago, received chemotherapy treatment and, after his illness went into remission, returned to Division 2. A few months later the leukemia returned. "He was also a battler," Clifford said of Pelk, "and fought the disease with all he had, including two bone marrow treatments."

Pelk was born in Berlin, Germany in February 1951. He began his Metro career as an assistant transportation manager at Division 2 and was promoted to transportation manager in July 2003.

"Thom was an extremely incredible person," said Tammy Rice, a safety specialist for the Gateway Cities Sector. "He enjoyed life, loved to make people smile and always brightened a room when he entered. He took such great pride in his division and the meaningful relationships he had developed with the division employees."

"Thom really enjoyed talking with people," said Diane Frazier, Division 2 assistant manager, transportation. "He was a great listener and always had interesting stories to share. He had a free-spiritedness about him that was contagious. He had the ability to make you see and appreciate the simple pleasures of life."

