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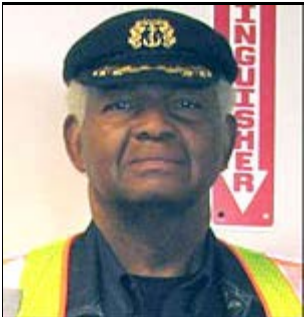
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Saturday Services Planned for Facilities Maintenance's Johnny Manning

By NED RACINE, Editor

(July 10, 2008) A memorial service will be held this Saturday, July 12 for Johnny Will Manning, a facilities maintenance supervisor. Manning was 61.

The service will be held at Greater Starlight Missionary Baptist Church, 8018 South San Pedro St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90003. The service begins at 10 a.m.



Johnny Will Manning

Manning began with Metro in November 1981.

Hussein Farah, facilities maintenance manager, remembers Manning as a pleasantly mannered and affable man. Farah recalls Manning's love of photography and his weekends on Catalina Island.

Mary Powers, a fellow facilities maintenance supervisor, remembers Manning always being in good spirits. When someone asked him how he felt, Powers remembers Manning responding with a brief version of James Brown's "I Feel Good" and a joyful dance.

"His credo was: 'Life is good and God is with me. What else could I want?'" Powers recalls.

Manning, an Army veteran, is survived by his mother, Edna Manning, and sisters Mary and Doris. Manning is also survived by two brothers, Vincent and Robert.

"Facilities Maintenance and the Metro family are indebted to Johnny's long years of public service," Farah says. "He will be missed."