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## Services Planned for Alfonso Chavez, Retired Bus Operator

- 20-year Metro veteran died Aug. 2

(Aug. 7, 2008) Services will be held Aug. 7 and 8 for Alfonso Chavez, a retired bus operator, who worked for Metro for 20 years. Chavez died in his home on Aug. 2. He was 45.

Born in July 1963 in Cohauila, Mexico, Chavez joined Metro as a part-time operator in June 1987. He resigned for health reasons in October 2007.

The El Monte resident spent most of his Metro career at Central City Division 1, but also worked at divisions 3, 15, 18 and 2.

Sam Morales, who knew Chavez his entire time at Metro, remembers Chavez' love of playing softball. The two often attended baseball games together, even though Chavez was an Angels fan and Morales is a Dodger fan.

"He was real quiet, a mellow guy," Morales, a Central City Division 1 bus operator, recalls. "He would joke around with his friends, but not everyone. He was a serious type of guy."

Chavez is survived by his wife Rosa Graciano, assistant manager, transportation for Division 1. He is also survived by two sons, three stepchildren and two grandchildren. Four sisters, two brothers and his parents also survive him.

"He was a good friend," Morales added. "A couple of times I needed him and he was there."

A visitation will be held at the Custer Christiansen Mortuary, Thursday, Aug. 7, 5 through 9 p.m. The mortuary is located at 114 South Glendora Ave., West Covina, 91790 (626.919.3443).

A Mass will be celebrated on Friday, Aug. 8 at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 314 W. Workman Ave., Covina, 91723 (626.332.3570).



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