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Services Scheduled for Peter E. Bueras, Retired Bus Operator

- 18-year Metro veteran died Aug. 2

By NED RACINE, Editor

(Aug. 7, 2008) Services will be held Aug. 8 and 9 for Peter E. Bueras, a retired bus operator who worked for Metro for 18 years. Bueras died of heart problems on Aug. 2.

Bueras was 67.

The Fresno, Calif. native began working as a part-time bus operator for RTD in April 1986. Although he worked for Divisions 5 and 3, Bueras worked the longest at Central City Division 1. He retired in August 2004.

According to his son, Peter M. Bueras, a bus operator at Gateway Division 10, Bueras drove big rigs for 20 years before becoming a bus operator.

"That was the happiest day of his life," Peter M. said, recalling how much his father enjoyed the passengers he met and the camaraderie of the bus divisions. While Peter M. was in the U.S. Marines, in fact, his father wrote him, suggesting he become a bus operator also.

Peter M., who will total 20 years of Metro service himself in April, recalls his father "as a big kid," who enjoyed playing everything from ping pong to chess and everything in between.

Besides his son, Peter E. is survived by his wife of 44 years, Helen. He is also survived by daughter Lupe and eight grandchildren.

A visitation will be held at the Guerra & Gutierrez Mortuary, Friday, Aug. 8 at 6 p.m. The mortuary is located at 5800 E. Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, 90022 (323.722.1900).

A Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, Aug. 9 at 9 a.m. at Resurrection Church, 3324 Opal Street, Los Angeles, 90023 (323.268.1141).



Peter E. Bueras