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Services Scheduled for James Stubblefield, 13-Year Metro Employee

(Sept. 10, 2008) Services are scheduled for Sept. 11 and 12 for James Stubblefield, a 13-year Metro employee, who died Sept. 9 after becoming ill at his home.

Stubblefield, 73, had worked for Metro since July 1995. He was a senior quality engineer/auditor, one of only two employees holding that classification in the agency.

"He was fabulous to work with," said Larry Tipton, who also held the same rare classification, and had worked side-by-side with Stubblefield since June 2007.

"It was a comfortable, easy relationship," added Tipton, who praised Stubblefield's extensive knowledge and easy-going manner.

According to Tipton, Stubblefield had worked for engineering and construction firms such as Bechtel, Hughes and Parsons before joining Metro. Stubblefield was working on the Gold Line and other capital improvement projects at the time of his death.

Stubblefield, a Chino resident, was born in Fayetteville, Arkansas. He is survived by his wife Shirley and three sons, Mike, Kirk and Mark. Stubblefield is also survived by 11 grandchildren.

"His work was his hobby," said Shirley Stubblefield.

A viewing will be held for Stubblefield on Sept. 11 at Memory Gardens Memorial Park and Mortuary, 455 West Central Avenue, Brea, Calif. (714.529.3961). The viewing will be held from 5 to 9 p.m.

Burial will be Sept. 12 at the same location at 1 p.m.



James Stubblefield

*Jim Stubblefield reviews Expo Line construction display in the Metro Headquarters lobby in this photo taken Dec. 15, 2005.