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## Services are scheduled for Tommie Dunmore, 36-year Metro veteran

- Metro veteran joined Metro in 1972, retired as a bus operator in 1999, rejoined Metro the next day and became a Transit Operations Supervisor in 2002, working out of Crossroads Division.
- Services will be held Dec. 3 at Vine Life Christian Fellowship Church in Riverside.

By GAYLE ANDERSON

(Nov. 25, 2008) Tommie Dunmore, a 36-year Metro veteran, has died after a hard-fought battle with diabetes. Mr. Dunmore passed away Nov. 20; he was 58 years old. He had been hospitalized for eight months prior to his death.



**Tommie Dunmore**

Tommie Dunmore joined Metro July 21, 1972. He was hired as a bus operator and was first stationed at the former Division 16 in Pomona before moving to San Gabriel Valley Division 9, where he spent the majority of his career as an operator. He retired from that post on Oct. 24, 1999, but came back on board the very next day as a part-time operator at Division 9 and East Valley Division 15.

Dunmore became a Transit Operations Supervisor in 2002, working the 'window' at Crossroads Division 3 for Manpower, Systems & Support, said friend and co-worker TOS Ottis Hendricks.

"Tommie was sharp, very sharp," said Hendricks. As a window dispatcher, Dunmore's job was to make sure everyone got their assignments and fill in the blanks left in the schedule by sick calls or late arrivals. "He'd fuss at them but he did it with a smile or crack a joke. It definitely got their attention," said Hendricks.

"He and I were good friends," said Hendricks, "he was a lot of fun. You couldn't find anybody who didn't love Tommie."

Dunmore was born January 17, 1950, in Pickens, Arkansas. He was one of twelve siblings, including brother Curtis Dunmore, a Metro Bus Operator who works at Arthur Winston Division. He leaves behind six brothers and five sisters. He was divorced. He and wife Helen lived in Ontario during their marriage. Together, they cared for five grandchildren, who were the children of Mrs. Dunmore's daughter, said Isaiah Dunmore, a surviving brother. "He loved those kids," said Dunmore.

At the time of his death, he was sharing a home with his brother Isaiah, who lives in Los Angeles near Downtown.

Services will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 11 a.m. at the [Vine Life Christian Fellowship Church](#), 17421 Van Buren, in Riverside. For directions or information, go to the website linked here or call the Church directory

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