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Services pending for Alpha Goodall-Marshall, Retired Train Operator and 28-year Metro Veteran

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(Dec. 26, 2008) Services are pending for Alpha Goodall-Marshall, a train operator and Metro veteran who retired in February from the Metro Green Line.

Alpha Goodall-Marshall, who died Dec. 21 from kidney failure, was 52.

The Metro veteran was hired as a bus operator at Arthur Winston Division 5 in July 1980. She became a train operator on the Blue Line in February 1999 and joined the Green Line shortly thereafter, where she remained until her retirement in February 2008.

Alpha Goodall-Marshall was a active member of the Eastern Star and the treasurer and enthusiastic member of the California Corvette Club, where she enjoyed showing off her sleek, red Corvette. She loved her dog Brownie, whom she rescued as a stray from nearby the tracks of the Metro Green Line in 2001.

Close friend and fellow train operator Mollie Avinger remembers Alpha as an expert in her profession who was always willing to help newcomers.

"She was always very helpful with anybody that came in new," said Avinger, "She'd show them the ropes.

"Alpha was good at whatever she did," said Avinger. "She knew every little thing. There was nothing you could ask her about the train - the Green Line's P2000



Alpha Goodall-Marshall
1956 - 2008



Alpha adopted Chihuahua 'Brownie' after rescuing him from nearby the Green Line tracks.



Alpha Goodall-Marshall, left, with close friend

or the Blue Line's P200 - that she didn't know."

and fellow operator, Mollie Avinger.

Alphia is survived by her niece, Vanessa, whom she raised as a daughter, and Vanessa's eight-year-old son. Her beloved Chihuahua, Brownie, died last May, said Avinger.

Photos courtesy of Mollie Avinger

Born Feb. 18, 1956, Alphia Goodall-Marshall lived in Central Los Angeles.

Services are pending.