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OBITUARIES

Kevin Murray, Transit Operations Supervisor Dies After Motorcycle Accident

- Services: Viewing will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, June 12, at McKay's Family Mortuary, 16918 Baseline Ave, Fontana, CA 92336. The funeral is planned for 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 13, at Cross Word Christian Church, 14950 Riverside Dr. in Riverside, CA 92518.
- **UPDATE:** Transportation to Mr. Murray's funeral may be provided from Patsaouras Plaza Saturday morning depending on the number of employees wishing to attend. For more information, please contact or e-mail [Sheila Badji](#) at (562) 658-0210.

(June 9, 2009) Upon learning about his June 7 death, Metro employees remembered Transit Operations Supervisor Kevin Murray as a respected employee with a "thousand watt smile."

Mr. Murray, 52, died after being hospitalized for injuries sustained in a May 22 motorcycle accident, said Gateway Cities Service Sector Vehicle Operations Assistant Manager Dan Dryden.

Mr. Murray's family was at his side when he died. He is survived by his wife Artlette, two daughters, and his mother and father.

Born on July 14, 1956, Mr. Murray, a resident of Fontana, began his Metro career as a full-time bus operator at Division 1 in August, 1983 and was promoted to transit operations supervisor in September 2006.

"Kevin got along well with all his peers and had even been elected as a union representative to assist his fellow employees," said Dryden. "One of his fellow co-workers still had a three-week old cell phone message from Kevin that said, 'This is Kevin. Give me a call.' We played it a few times. It was like having him here again even just for a moment. He's already missed by everyone."

Transit Operations Supervisor Doris Brown remembered Mr. Murray as "Big Dog" because "he had a big heart, and he was a man of many attributes who didn't mind sharing his knowledge."

Brown said Mr. Murray was a family man who loved his wife and two daughters, and recently went home to Chicago on what he described as 'a vacation of a lifetime.' "Kevin loved life and lived each day to the fullest. He will surely be missed," she said.



Kevin Murray

Transit Operations Supervisor Christine Nolan said Mr. Murray was “a respected co-worker. Kevin was my true MTA brother. He had faith in me and he believed in me and I will miss him greatly.”

“You always knew Kevin was in the building by his booming voice and thousand watt smile,” said Executive Secretary Sheila Badji. “No matter how bad your day was going, just being around him and his smile, for even a few minutes, would make you smile too.”

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