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Ron Reedy, 65, Remembered as a Friend, Great Metro Employee

(Nov. 19, 2009) Retired Metro employee Ron Reedy, who spent 35 years with the agency, died Nov. 18 at the age of 65 following an illness.

Remembering his co-worker and good friend, Div. 15 Transportation Manager Gary Spivack said Mr. Reedy was very much like Will Rogers. "He really acted like he never met a person he didn't like," Spivack noted.



Ron Reedy

Mr. Reedy retired from Metro for the second time in 2008 following his career with the agency where he began as a bus operator in 1973.

"He was a manager for just about every division that we had and was at Division 7 twice, and then at 15," Spivack said.

Mr. Reedy also worked in the executive offices when Metro formed part of the RTD. He retired after 30 years at Metro in 2003, only to return the same year, and retire again in 2008.

Mr. Reedy's positions with Metro included serving as an Assistant Transportation Manager at Sun Valley Div. 15, and a Transportation Manager at West Hollywood Div. 7.

"He was a great guy and I learned a lot from him," Spivack said. "He did something very special for me once," remembering when Mr. Reedy was kind enough to postpone his retirement from Division 15, when Spivack fell ill and needed assistance. "He was a great friend."

Services will probably be held following the Thanksgiving holiday at the National Cemetery in Riverside to honor Mr. Reedy's naval career which included a deployment to Vietnam.

"Since I started here, not only have I learned from some wonderful mentors, but I've learned to better myself by learning from people's mistakes," said Mr. Reedy when he retired from Metro for the first time.

"I have helped many people just by listening to their problems, and offering my advice," he said. "Sometimes people just want someone to talk to, and I'm there for them."

Spivack said Mr. Reedy enjoyed his home life. "His house was his pride and joy as well as being able to spend time with the family," Spivack said.

Mr. Reedy is survived by his wife, Nikki, five children and several grandchildren.

