


[Home](#)
[CEO Hotline](#)
[Viewpoint](#)
[Classified Ads](#)
[Archives](#)
[Metro.net](#) (web)

## Resources

[Safety](#)
[Pressroom](#) (web)

[Ask the CEO](#)
[CEO Forum](#)
[Employee Recognition](#)
[Employee Activities](#)
[Metro Projects](#)
[Facts at a Glance](#) (web)

[Archives](#)
[Events Calendar](#)
[Research Center/ Library](#)
[Metro Classifieds](#)
[Bazaar](#)

## Metro Info

[30/10 Initiative](#)
[Policies](#)
[Training](#)
[Help Desk](#)
[Intranet Policy](#)

## Need e-Help?

Call the Help Desk  
at 2-4357

[Contact myMetro.net](#)

## Ivan McCargo, Metro's oldest employee, dies at 93

- Services are Friday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m., at the [Tabernacle Faith Baptist Church](#), 11328 S. Central Avenue, Los Angeles, 90059. [Directions](#)

By Rich Morallo

(Dec. 1, 2009) Ivan McCargo chose to stay at work with Metro 28 years ago when he turned 65 years old, typical retirement age.

"I love my job," explained the transportation operations supervisor in a 2005 interview. So McCargo remained with the career he cherished - serving the public and mass transit, until he passed away after an illness this past Sunday. McCargo had completed 38 years with the agency and at 93 years was Metro's oldest employee.

"All of us will dearly miss Ivan," said Dana M. Coffey, South Bay and Gateway Cities General Manager. "Ivan was a true professional, dedicated and selfless; he knew no boundaries when it came to working for public transportation."

The weather drew McCargo to Los Angeles from Chicago in 1954. He was 38 years old and initially worked for the Los Angeles Transportation Line before transferring to the Blue and White Bus Company as an operator. He motored the No. 2 trolley coach from Slauson and Central Avenues to East Los Angeles, and also operated the No. 3 Line to Farmer's Market.

McCargo started at Metro as a bus operator in 1971 and was promoted to supervisor two years later. During his career McCargo worked at Carson Division 18 for 15 years.

"He was an impeccable dresser in his supervisor uniform," recalled Jackie Anderson, transitional duty return to work program coordinator at Division 18. "His shirts were always crisp laundered snow white and shiny cuff links to top off his attire. I would often say to him as he would be getting into his van preparing to leave out the yard you make us all look good."

"My father was always daddy to me," remarked daughter Ida McCargo-Williams, "and my kids called him G-Pop." Mrs. McCargo-Williams remembers her father always smiling. "His happy attitude was contagious and you always felt better after talking with him," she said.

An involved community resident, McCargo helped the Tabernacle of Faith Baptist Church in Los Angeles as the president of the laymen's league, and



Ivan McCargo, pictured here in 2007, was a 38-year veteran who joined Metro as a bus operator in 1971.

as a Sunday School teacher and choir member. The Metro supervisor also mentored teenagers in mathematics and reading during the weekends and was a Boy Scout leader.

McCargo is survived by his wife Annell, daughters Ida McCargo-Williams and Penny McGee, 10 grandchildren, 38 great grandchildren, and four great great grandchildren.

Services are set for Friday, December 4, 10 a.m., at the Tabernacle Faith Baptist Church, 11328 S. Central Avenue, Los Angeles, 90059. Pastor is Reverend Doctor Leffall.