## M Line News

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## **FEATURE | LYNNE FLEMING**

## **Remembering Lynne Fleming**

n December, the McKinney Avenue Transit Authority lost a longtime and well-liked volunteer, Lynne Fleming.

During his two-decade tenure, Lynne wore many hats, and his loss is felt keenly by the entire MATA family.

Born in Chicago on July 15, 1932, Lynne was a lifelong rail fan and trolley fan. He grew up watching the steam engines and famous passenger trains that came and went from Chicago's Union Station. He was a regular rider of the "L," as well as the North Shore and South Shore interurban.

Lynne attended Kemper Military Academy prior to joining the United States Army in the 1950s. He served one tour in Korea and several in Vietnam. Lynne retired from the Army in 1974 with the rank of Major; he continued to serve in the Army Reserve until 1981.

Lynne was married to Georgia Bell Scott of Booneville, Missouri, for 42 years until her passing in 2006. A transportation buff through and through, he especially enjoyed railroads and model trains. He was an active member of the North Texas Model Railroad Club, where he served in many leadership positions, including president.

He became a MATA volunteer in 1998 and remained an integral part of the organization right up until his passing. His duties ranged from Chief Dispatcher to Instructor and Motorman. He was a familiar and beloved presence at MATA, and he will be sorely missed and fondly remembered.

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Volunteers are the lifeblood of our vintage trolley service, and there are opportunities throughout the organization: You can restore the trolley cars, serve as a Motorman (or woman) or conductor, or maintain and repair the overhead lines. You also could conduct historical research, serve on a planning committee or help out with administrative matters. Plus, we can always use help with special events such as anniversary celebrations.

To find out more about becoming a MATA volunteer, call 214-885-0006. Aside from doing your part to preserve history, you'll have a lot of fun!