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Loma Anderson was dedicated not only to her career as a city employee, but also to her family.

Before getting divorced, she was a military wife for more than 20 years, raising three children and relocating to places such as Kansas, Virginia, California, Maryland and even Germany.

"The eldest of four siblings, she was strong," said her daughter, Deborah Cruell, an evacuee of Hurricane Katrina now living in Omaha. "She came up around the Depression."

In 1972, Anderson became a City of Omaha employee, working as a clerk in the Public Works Department. From 1978 to 1984, she held positions such as clerk typist and communications operator. She also worked in the public safety department in the communications division.

In 1984, she started working as a police information operator for the Omaha Police Department, taking calls from officers in the field to provide them with data, such as car registrations. Anderson retired in 1995, after nearly 23 years of service with the city.

Diagnosed with bone cancer on Feb. 12, Anderson died Aug. 5 at the Nebraska Medical Center. She was 73.

A service was held Thursday.

Anderson attended **Howard Kennedy** and graduated from Technical High School.

She loved to shop and get dressed up, said her daughter, and she made the best macaroni and cheese and potato salad.

Other survivors include her son, James R. Anderson Jr. of Aurora, Colo., sister, Ruth Matlock of Omaha; brothers, Kenneth Willis of Aurora and Eudell Willis of Omaha; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

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