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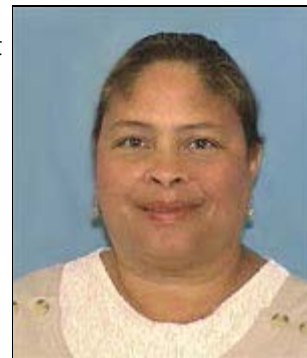
Debra Deener, 9-year Metro Employee, dies at 60

- **UPDATE** Services are scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, at 9 a.m. in the Church of Our Heritage Chapel at [Covina Hills Forest Lawn](#), 21300 Via Verde Drive, in Covina, Calif. 91724. Information: 1-800-204-3131
- [Remembering Debra Deener](#) - Employees share their memories

(May 21, 2009) Services are scheduled for Customer Information Agent Debra Deener, 60, who passed away May 19.

Upon learning of her death, Director of Customer Relations Gail Harvey presented an announcement to her employees, stating: "I regret to inform you that Debra Deener passed peacefully May 19, 2009, with her daughter, Tia, at her side."

Born on Jan. 8, 1949, in Cleveland, Ohio, Ms. Deener began working at Metro on July 17, 2000, as a part-time Customer Information Agent, and was promoted on Oct. 29, 2000, to full-time, said Employee Records and Verification Specialist Claudia Kwon. In 2005, Ms. Deener earned a Service Award in 2005 for five years of service.



Debra Deener

As a previous Customer Relations employee herself, Kwon said she worked with Ms. Deener before changing departments, and remembers her as an "independent and kind person" who would often share tips on the best places to eat. "She was really sweet. She was really nice," Kwon said.

Ms. Deener had been on sick leave since December 2008. Her last days were spent at the home of her daughter, Tia Rowe, in Sherman Oaks, Calif.

"I only knew Debra for about three years, but during that time I found her to be a fun-loving character and she always referred to me as 'Boss,' said Gail Harvey, Director, Customer Relations. She came into my office often to just speak and to get a piece of candy. Upon leaving, she would say, 'Now I can now go to work.' She will truly be missed."

Communications Manager Alonzo Williams said she was a "very, very hard worker who was very dependable. We'll miss her dearly. I can't say enough positive things about her."

In lieu of flowers, donations made in the name of Debra Deener can be sent to: The American Cancer Society, PO Box 22718, Oklahoma City, Okla., 73123. Cards and correspondence can be sent to Tia Rowe, c/o 6175 Shoreacres Lane, Fontana, Calif. 92336

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