



In Memory of Wendi Atwood Rogers, CLA, TBLS-BCP

In 1994, I went to my first Dallas Area Paralegal Association (DAPA) meeting at the Belo Mansion, and met Wendi Rogers. I knew who she was, as I had read in the DAPA newsletter about her recent accomplishments. I knew from that meeting we would be friends. It wasn't long after that Wendi got me involved in DAPA, NFPA, and the Paralegal Division for many years. I would joke with her by telling others, "When Wendi Rogers calls, just hang up." But I never hung up, nor did anyone else.

On the friendship side, Wendi talked me into doing all sorts of crazy things, such as mountain biking, water skiing, playing softball, and riding roller coasters. We traveled together for CLE and NFPA conventions and, through her

example, taught me to be a better speaker. Wendi had a knack for bringing out the best in people and creating great memories.

Many of us will recall memories of Wendi helping or asking for our assistance in helping someone else. She had an intuition about people, and would gravitate towards those who needed help.

Wendi was a champion of paralegals everywhere. She was a long-time member of the Paralegal Division, a past President, District 2 Director, and Paralegal Division Ambassador. She was also a member of DAPA, NFPA, and the American Association for Justice. She won numerous awards, including DAPA's Paralegal of the Year in 1988, the NFPA's William R. Robie Leadership

Award in 2004, and Paralegal of the Year from American Association for Justice in 2003. She graduated from Tarrant County Junior College with an A.A.S. in Paralegal Studies in 1988, and from the University of North Texas with a B.A.A.S. in Legal Information Management in 2001.

Wendi's professional accomplishments were outstanding, as was her personal life. She and her husband have two children, where they all lived on a cattle ranch in Tom Bean, Texas. Wendi and her husband Steven were involved with their local church, and a program called Path4Life. Her husband plans to keep their efforts alive through community giving.

In the legal community, Debbie Oaks McBride, S. Kristine Farmer, and I have started the



Wendi Atwood Rogers Memorial Fund through Communities Foundation of Texas. The fund will grant money to non-profit mentor, community, and/or pro bono programs. To view the website, or to make a donation, please visit <https://cftexas.org/wendi-atwood-rogers>.

We will miss her infectious smile, kind heart, and positive attitude.

—Cynthia Minchillo, RP.

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