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Remembering Sherri Ziegler

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## Sherri Rae Ziegler

2/28/1959 – 6/26/2008

On Thursday, June 26, 2008, CalHEP lost one of our founding steering committee members, Sherri Ziegler. Sherri passed away following a short illness.

Sherri worked tirelessly to advocate for those in need of support and services, especially in rural northern California. She always had a positive attitude even when she faced obstacles that would overwhelm most people. Sherri will be missed by many and her death will leave a huge gap in the HCV advocacy world. "I will miss her advocacy efforts, but most of all I will miss her kindness, compassion, warm heart and her beautiful smile," said Alan Franciscus, a long-time friend and colleague.

Sherri worked diligently to provide education, support, and services for people with HCV in her community. She was an invaluable resource to the Peach Tree Clinic, the Sutter, Yuba and Butte County Health Departments, and advocacy groups in Shasta and Plumas Counties. Although we thought of her as a one woman dynamo, Sherri mentored countless advocates all over the rural north and through them, her legacy will endure.

In addition to helping CalHEP get started, Sherri founded the Nor Cal Hepatitis C Network to help increase hepatitis C awareness and support. Sherri was also a founding member the National Hepatitis C Advocacy Council (NHCAC), a member of the National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable (NVHR) and the California Hepatitis C Task Force. Sherri loved to travel with her message of hope for people who, like her, were affected

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by hepatitis C. She was a determined advocate in Sacramento and in Washington DC.

To help us remember Sherri we have posted some of our favorite photographs and a guest book [here](#).