

The National Health Law Program joins the public health and health advocacy community in mourning the death of Ruth Roemer, J.D., Professor at UCLA School of Public Health.

Ruth, along with her late husband Professor Milton Roemer, founded NHeLP as a joint project of the UCLA Schools of Law and Public Health in 1969 and was involved in the program's development and eventual incorporation as a separate nonprofit corporation. Ruth remained a financial contributor to NHeLP as well as a collaborator as she vigorously addressed access to health care for low-income and all people. We thank her for all she did to make NHeLP a strong advocacy presence and for her achievements on behalf of so many in our society who struggle to get the health care they need.

Ruth Roemer will always be our model of how to be an effective health advocate: gather the facts, do the research, put the arguments together and pursue every fora where our voices can be heard. We will greatly miss this wonderfully warm person who cared so much and fought for health care justice until the day she died.

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A nice profile of Ruth and her work can be found here: <http://www.ph.ucla.edu/pdfs/SPHmag.6.02.facprofile.pdf>