

Memorial: Susan Kendrick (1950–2007)*

¶1 Susan Kendrick, Baylor Law School's cataloging and government documents librarian, passed away on January 6, 2007, after fighting a long and courageous battle with ovarian cancer.

¶2 Susan graduated from Baylor University in 1972 and received a master of library science degree from North Texas State University in 1973. Upon completion of her library degree, she was hired at Baylor Law School as an assistant law librarian. Susan was a member of the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries and the American Association of Law Libraries. In 1986, she was elected to Outstanding Young Women of America. She was actively involved at Columbus Avenue Baptist Church in choir, handbells, sign language, adult mission trips, and Children's Sunday School. She was also significantly involved in the Waco Community Band, Altrusa, and Habitat for Humanity.

¶3 In her thirty-fourth year of service to Baylor Law School, Susan's ever cheerful and determined attitude constantly impressed her Baylor colleagues. "She always had a smile on her face for everyone she encountered, an optimistic and forward-looking perspective, and a kind word for all," said Dean Brad Toben. "Over the last two years, during the course of her illness, Susan came to the office each day, including up until the Christmas break, unless she had a treatment scheduled or was exceptionally ill, for a full day of work, even despite the advanced stages of her illness. She was a remarkable inspiration to each of us."

¶4 In September 2006, Baylor Law School and many of Susan's family members and friends surprised her by dedicating the reserve reading area on the first level of the law library in her honor and in memory of former librarian, the late Ms. Della Geyer. Susan was unaware that her family members and law school and campus friends were gathering for the dedication program. Loud applause and shouts of "surprise" greeted her as she accompanied colleagues into the room. A wall plaque naming the area the "Della M. Geyer and Susan Kendrick Reading Room" was dedicated during the program. Described by Susan as her "friend and mentor in law librarianship," Ms. Geyer passed away in 1999. Included on the wall of this Reading Room is a framed copy of a memorial that Susan wrote about Ms. Geyer that appeared in *Law Library Journal*.¹

¶5 Acknowledging the tributes from her law school colleagues at the September library dedication ceremony, Susan said that she loved Baylor Law School dearly. She added, "It's like being part of a true, caring family."—*Brandon D. Quarles*²

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1. Susan Kendrick, *Memorial: Della M. Geyer (1927–1999)*, 92 *LAW LIBR. J.* 117, 2000 *LAW LIBR. J.* 11.
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