

## Memorial: Kathryn P. Mattox (1947–2005)\*

¶1 Kathryn P. Mattox, librarian at Stites & Harbison in Lexington, Kentucky, passed away on May 31, 2005, after a courageous battle with cancer. I was lucky enough to be a close friend and colleague for seventeen years.

¶2 I remember that her first job in the library was to pack it up and move to a new building. She looked at the task as a challenge and jumped in with both feet. That was the beginning of a great working relationship.

¶3 Kathryn was a member of several professional law library associations. She belonged to the American Association of Law Libraries, where she was a member of the Private Law Libraries Special Interest Section. She also was an active member of the Southeastern chapter of AALL and the Lexington Area Law Library group. Her commitment to librarianship was apparent to all who knew her. She was instrumental in convincing major publishers to offer site licenses for their publications, saving libraries costly multiple subscriptions. Her enthusiasm to learn and expand her expertise led her to take the legal research course at the University of Kentucky College of Law.

¶4 Her love of the AALL Annual Meeting was well known and as a group we were known as the Kentucky Connection. We met and befriended librarians, lawyers, professors, and vendors. We attended sessions, explored each town, and networked, networked, networked! She attended her first AALL meeting in 1991, with her first trip to New Orleans. She fell in love with the “Crescent City” and started an annual retreat back each year with her husband Larry and ten to twenty of their closest friends.

¶5 Her personality was one of confidence and humor, and she had a genuine interest in people. Kathryn was truly an unforgettable character.

¶6 On September 7, 2005, the library in the Lexington office of Stites & Harbison was officially named the Kathryn Mattox Library.—*Lynn H. Fritsch*<sup>1</sup>

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