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The Center for Persons with Disabilities joins with others in the disability world in mourning the loss of one of the great disability rights advocates, Helen Roth, who passed away June 5, 2011 in Logan, Utah.

Helen was a good friend and advisor to those here at the CPD, always advocating to improve the lives of people with disabilities locally, as well as nationally. She founded the Logan Options for Independent Living Center that encourages communities to become more accessible, an issue that Helen herself had to deal with throughout her life, having contracted polio as a child. She spent her entire life in a wheelchair, advocating for others.

When Helen was around, there were no "ifs, ands, or buts" about where she stood on accessibility and rights for those with disabilities. She held numerous key leadership and advisory roles in national disability organizations, becoming a dedicated advocate and inspirational friend to many.

The world will be a sadder place without Helen in it, but her legacy will live on in the work that she has accomplished and the kindness, passion, and inspiration that she shared.

A tribute to Helen Roth will be coming soon in the Who's Who feature on the CPD website.

Other tributes to Helen can be viewed on the AAPD and NCIL websites.