

By Gayle Bluebird

Sally, (an activist friend
to all of us)
Though small in stature
She was a powerful voice for change.
Working to transform the mental
health system,
She marched
with thousands, over time,
shouting and chanting,
What do we want?"
"Freedom"
Her sign would have read,
"No Forced Treatment."
She was a believer in the
Impossible,
And found nothing she
Couldn't do
Organizing statewide organizations,
Drop-in centers for people to get support—
All peer-tun services.
But
Perhaps it was her personality,
Though, that drew
people to her.
A constant source of wisdom and
Acceptance and cheer—
From anyone marginalized
To the people in high
Places.
She, a good friend,(of mine)
We shared many happy moments,
Our families, children and grands.
We watched as our families grew.
Sally leaves a history of her own for us to learn from, As well she taught our movement history.
We shared that.
It was one thing I could promise her to carry on.
Thank you Sally. We all thank you for the gift of you.