Marca Bristo

On September 8, 2019, the disability community lost a hero. With accomplishments and awards too numerous to list here, Marca Bristo brought both ferocity and warmth to the battle for civil rights for people with disabilities. Her advocacy was thorough, articulate and right. She left no cards on the table.

Bridget Hayman at Access Living, the organization that Marca founded and ran, described her life in an article at accessliving.org.

"Bristo's Legacy lives on in the organization she built for and with disabled Chicagoans and her advocacy for the global disabled community.

She will Rest in Power."

Sincerely,

Paul Spooner, Executive Director

These photos are from the 2014 NCIL Conference in Washington DC.
On our way to the Senate to support the CRPD

Marca speaking at NCIL Rally 2014
Marca at the march

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