

Sy Rogers, Leading Christian Voice on Sexuality, Dies After Battle With Kidney Cancer

Sy Rogers, a leading voice and apologist on biblical sexuality, died Sunday, April 19, after an eight-month-long battle with kidney cancer.

Rogers was considered a pioneer of the ex-gay movement in its early years during the late 1980s. And although his testimony of turning away from homosexuality to follow Christ drew attention, he was also well known for his worldwide teaching ministry that lasted over 30 years. He spoke at various well-known Christian events (such as Hillsong Colour, Promise Keepers and National Youth Leaders) and colleges (including Biola, Christ for All Nations and Azusa Pacific Regent). For the last two decades, Rogers was known as an apologist for sexual integrity and healthy relationships.

Jentezen Franklin took to Instagram to eulogize the popular preacher.

“Sy Rogers lived a life of truth, sharing the hope and grace found in Jesus with everyone he could,” Franklin wrote. “After battling cancer, he was welcomed home with Jesus this morning. Sy made us a more compassionate ministry and he had an enormous impact at @forwardcon when he spoke. Our hearts and prayers are with his wife Karen, their children and grandchildren.”