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Remembering Ali Kemp And Saving Other Lives

In June 2002, 19-year-old Ali Kemp was brutally murdered while working at her neighborhood pool in Leawood, Kan. Tragically, it was her own father, Roger Kemp, who found her body that same day, beaten and hidden under a tarp in the pump room.

Roger put his grief to work when he posted the suspect's face on a billboard that played an instrumental role in catching his daughter's killer. After that victory, he teamed up with an advertising firm to post the faces of other wanted criminals on billboards. Since then, seven suspects in the area have been apprehended based on tips created by the billboards.

For Roger and his wife Cathy the biggest victory was the December 2006 conviction of Ali's murderer, Benjamin Appleby, who was found guilty of capitol murder and attempted rape.

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A Family's Mission To Empower Young Women

Even though nothing can bring their daughter back, catching criminals wasn't the only way that Roger and Cathy wanted to help the fight for justice. In order to help young women like their daughter, Ali, protect themselves, they started a program called TAKE: The Ali Kemp Education Foundation. TAKE has two main goals: to teach women self-defense, and to provide educational scholarships to young women who embody all the positive qualities that Ali herself showed.

TAKE offers self-defense classes for women of all ages in four different states and multiple locations. The Kemps and the volunteers who run TAKE travel to schools, colleges, community centers, and gyms to offer free self-defense classes. The educational scholarships offered by the foundation go to recipients chosen by Roger and Cathy Kemp.

Through this scholarship program, Roger and Cathy hope to encourage the values and spirit that Ali stood for to live on, even after her death. Their daughter, Ali, was a caring, talented individual who excelled at her schoolwork, in sports, and was a dedicated volunteer for her church and community. Although Ali was taken from her parents, they find some comfort in preserving the qualities that made Ali the special person she was.



John Walsh shares the pain that Roger Kemp feels as a parent who has lost a child to violence.



Roger and Cathy Kemp founded The Ali Kemp Education Foundation (TAKE) after their daughter was killed.