

ANCESTORS KNOW WHO WE ARE
RODSLEN BROWN TRIBUTE

Spencer Nero: Yeah, Rodslen has been honored for the Statesman Award. And as far as the things that she's done in the community and within the nation, have been really great. Trying to bring, you know, the Freedmen and also the tribe back together with the One Blood and Unity event that she did, a great, great, great event. One of the things I can say about Rodslen is she was very passionate.

Melissa Payne: Rodslen Brown is the most amazing woman I have ever known, not just because she was my mother, but because her heart was so big that she wanted to help everyone. She just... That was what she wanted to do when she was the age around five. Her sisters told me, they sat in the room with her and she told them, she looked out the window and said, I just want to help people.

I'm thankful for her because she has taught us so much. She has taught us to look beyond our means. Color doesn't matter. My mother, Rodslen Brown, loved everyone. She came up with Project A in the year 2000, and it wasn't an option for me. I was a part of Project A. And we continue to assist and help the youth, the elderly... She was so thankful for Cherokee Nation, and she told us how thankful we should be and how we need to learn more about our heritage.

Spencer Nero: As far as keeping everything going with Project A and a lot of the visions that Rodslen had, of course, it's going to take a team. But as far as her children and then you have, you know, myself and my wife and the other members of Project A, we've already been, you know, meeting and trying to put things together to make sure that the visions that she has and what and what she was wanting to do with the Cherokee Nation and also Project A will continue to go on.