

'Wonderful advocate' fought for consumers

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Randy McConnell died last week. He may have been the most effective consumer advocate you never heard of.

For more than a decade, he was the spokesman for the Missouri Department of Insurance in Jefferson City.

In the end, he lost his state job and the health insurance that came with it. He lost his next job, too, and never got another that offered insurance.

He was diabetic and needed insulin to survive. Friends blame his death on his lack of insurance to help pay his medical...