

To my friend Wensdy

– FROM JENNIE

I met Wensdy at an origami convention at FIT in Manhattan.

At this convention my sister Annie had been telling me about this cool lady I had to meet. Her name was Wensdy and she had this fantastic talent for folding the tiniest origami she'd ever seen.

Wensdy had a table in the origami exhibition of what she called minigami and I had to see it.

When I met Wensdy she showed me this collection of tiny little models she had folded. I was impressed with how she could fold such detail in such small models. Then she picked up what looked like an empty tic tac box with a tiny scrap of paper in the bottom corner. She told me to take a closer look and when I did, I saw that the scrap of paper was a miniscule origami bird. Wensdy explained that it was a working model of a flapping bird. She said she tested it after she finished folding it and it worked fine. But she didn't like to make it flap too much because she was afraid of damaging her little bird. I asked her if she used some special tools to fold that small. She said no, just her fingertips. I was duly impressed, and we became fast friends.

I later found out that she was not only a fantastic folder but a very creative origami inventor. Wednesday came up with this very useful fold, she called a shovel fold. I was always amazed how she could write words and names and make pictures in origami with this clever fold of hers.

We used to have so much fun with Wensdy. Going to conventions in New York City, going to the Fold and Feed at Mark and Arlene's house in Pennsylvania. I remember one summer years ago, when Wensdy stayed at our house in the Catskills. She joined us when my youngest kid went to a friend's birthday party. Wensdy made the little birthday girl her name in origami with her shovel folds. My friend's daughter still has that little red "Ruby" model. Wednesday made my name in origami also. I can't remember what special occasion she made it for, but I still have mine too.

Wensdy was a good friend, and I will always miss her.