

The Let Cuba Live Committee of Maine mourns the loss of a founding member.

Let Cuba Live was founded in 1992 by a small group of activists in the Central America movement. One of the first acts of solidarity with Cuba was to send a member of the group on the 1st Pastors for Peace Friendship Caravan. That was Steve Burke. And that was the beginning of 25+ years of raising our voices for the Cuban Revolution.

Steve was a prime organizer for Let Cuba Live's participation in the Pastors' annual caravans, and also developed many "northern border" caravans, crossing from Maine or Vermont into Canada, in partnership with the Caravan d'Amitie Quebec/Cuba.



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Need to get a few hundred people to New York to greet Fidel's arrival at the UN? Steve was on it!

Need to get several busloads of Mainers to Washington to protest war, or get folks to Canada to protest the FTAA? Steve was on it!

Need to get a few truckloads of medical aid for Cuba to the Texas/Mexico border? Steve was all over it!

When the DOT threatened destructive widening of Rte. 1, Steve helped put together the Tree-sitters.

Set up a fundraising dance, set up a Cuba booth at Maine's Common Ground Fair, talk to reporters about Cuba/US relations? Call Steve!

Anyone across the country who has a Let Cuba Live T-shirt or bumper sticker, you can thank Steve's screen print business.

On February 19 we lost our dear comrade Steve Burke.

He was a cowboy, a poet, a storyteller, a gardener, a good neighbor, and a loving friend to all who knew him. Let's make him proud by remembering him in our deeds.

Viva la Revolucion! Venceremos!