



## Jerry Raymond Tucker

November 21, 1938 - October 19, 2012

Jerry Raymond Tucker, Age 73 of Marlborough (St. Louis County) MO. passed away Friday, October 19, 2012. Loving husband of Elaine Tucker for 43 years, he leaves behind three daughters, Cynthia, Nicole, and Tracy, Son-In-Laws, four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, a brother, and two sisters.

Jerry Tucker was a labor leader, labor educator, and creative strategist for worker power. He was Director of UAW Region 5, and co-founder of the Center for Labor Renewal and the Solidarity Education Center.

Services: Visitation will be held Tuesday, 4-8 pm at Archway Memorial Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 am, Wednesday, October 24th, at Christ Our Redeemer, A.M.E. Church located at 13820 Old Jamestown Rd. Forissant, MO 63033. Interment Valhalla. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Labor Campaign for Single Payer.

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or send a check to Labor Campaign for Single Payer, 2929 S. Jefferson Ave., St. Louis, MO 63118.



# Cemetery Details

## Valhalla Cemetery

St. Charles Rock Rd  
St. Louis, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **23**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Archway Memorial Chapel  
111 Taylor Road  
Hazelwood, MO 63042  
(314) 895-3900  
info@archwaychapel.com

## Visitation

OCT **24**. 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM (CT)

Christ Our Redeemer AME Church  
13820 Old Jamestown Rd  
Blackjack, MO 63033-6418  
<http://www.christourredeemer.org>

## Funeral Services

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OCT **24**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Christ Our Redeemer AME Church  
13820 Old Jamestown Rd  
Blackjack, MO 63033-6418  
<http://www.christourredeemer.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Marian Garrett sent a virtual gift in memory of Jerry Raymond Tucker*



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**Marian Garrett** - October 28, 2012 at 11:08 PM



“ *Marian Garrett lit a candle in memory of Jerry Raymond Tucker*



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**Marian Garrett** - October 26, 2012 at 04:42 PM



“ *Continued - From Mike Cannon*

*He had an uncanny ability to inspire people. Sometimes he did it with his charm and charisma, but more often he did it by appealing to the goodness that exists in all of us. Because believe that people really wanted to do good things, they want to be a part of something good and just. He would use his intelligence, logic, and his superb communication skills to convince people to do the right thing.*

*And as we leave here today let us not be fearful of going on without Jerry, because we won't be leaving here without him.*

*His wit and his wisdom, his love for improving the plight of the downtrodden, and his uncompromising commitment to progressive principles are deeply etched in our souls.*

*Jerry Tucker lives on in each and every one of us and his work will continue because we will leave here with a heightened sense of dedication and drive.”*

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**Mike Cannon** - October 25, 2012 at 10:57 PM



“ When ever the struggle and times were at their worst I always remember Jerry calmly saying "This to shall pass". And the discussion and mood immediately changed towards what would come next in what ever we were fighting to achieve. He never wavered or compromised from the from the belief or cause of what was right. He always knew what was right and forever persevered to fight on towards our ultimate goal. That's an easy thing to say but when it came doing it that was just Jerry. He never ever gave up. He always knew what to do and set a path forward to getting it done.

When it came to fighting the establishment within the UAW he chartered what he knew was a was the fight that would be waged against an institution he grew up in and deeply loved. But the institution had changed and he could no longer allow to compromise the rights and beliefs of its members. So he waged a fight that he knew first hand would be against all odds. But that never stopped him from putting his career and personal well being on line. A fight few have ever attempted and no one had ever won. He never looked back on staking his career or financial well being. He never questioned what needed to be done. He just did it.

His fight brought to bear a war against odds no one could believe imaginable. The organization he so deeply loved launched every ploy and weapon they had in their arsenal to fight, undermine and attempt to destroy him. But he never stopped nor wavered in the fight. As they lobed every ploy and weapon they had against him I only remember him saying "This to shall pass" and dredging tirelessly forward to fight another day.

But again that was Jerry. He never ever gave up. And as Brother Cannon in his testimony of Jerry in his final days speaking of his need to work on projects for folks needing help. Jerry, not thinking of his own battle to live but to those who needed his guidance and direction.

I was so honored to be his friend. He was my mentor and confident.

*My inspiration and so very much more. Words can never be spoken to describe or articulate everything Jerry was or the things he did to improve and advance the lives of countless thousands of working folks in our country. But to him the fight never ended. When ever you met him during a day in the office or in the field he always greeted you with "what have you done today to improve the lives of our members". And you always knew in his mind there was always more that needed to be done tomorrow and that he was going to find the ways and means to get it done.*

*To his wonderful wife Elaine, his daughters and grandchildren I can not express how sorry we are of your loss. I can only say as my Brother always said to me, "This to shall pass".*

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**Eldon Frazer** - October 25, 2012 at 09:30 PM

SR

“ Jerry was like family to me. As the grandson to Victor Reuther, I can recall countless gatherings at the family home on Porter Street in Washington, DC. This was the epicenter of passionate stories and debate, with Jerry in the thick of it. Kind-hearted and genuine, he filled the room with his unmistakable voice and charm. While I was too young to understand the context behind the setting, I recognized that Jerry Tucker was one of my grandfather's closest friends and together they cared deeply for community and were driven by the righteousness of a cause.

*In the last decade, I have filled out my knowledge of family/labor history and came to know the man from Missouri on a more intimate level. I recently completed my first documentary feature film, "Brothers On The Line", which explores United Auto Workers history and the influential social justice legacy of the Reuther brothers. Jerry participated as an interviewee and advisor. His recollections had such depth and color. He was very generous with his time for follow-up questions and guidance. But, most of all, Jerry taught me something. He had this crystal-clear ability to see both sides to a story. After all, he understood what it was like to sit on the inside looking out...and lead on the outside looking in. Jerry's vision rubbed off on me and, as a documentarian, it was an immeasurable gift. With "Brothers On The Line", I was determined to give the voices of triumph, as well as those of dissent, a fair platform. Judging by the rousing post-screening debates, I think we have achieved that. And, before his passing, I know that Jerry was proud.*

*As mentioned in other remembrances, Jerry Tucker had the innate talent to motivate and bring out the best in any worker-activist...and in this young filmmaker as well. I am reminded of a quote: "Too long have the workers of the world waited for some Moses to lead them out of bondage. I would not lead you out if I could; for if you could be led out, you could be led back again. I would have you make up your minds there is nothing that you cannot do for yourselves." The author was Eugene Victor Debs and I believe his words are a fitting tribute to Brother Tucker. I am grateful to have known you, Jerry,*

*and will keep your spirit in my heart.*

*In Solidarity, Sasha Reuther*

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**Sasha Reuther** - October 25, 2012 at 04:18 PM

BS

“ *I am so sorry for the loss of Jerry Tucker. I met Jerry several times in the last year and a half in Madison, Wisconsin. He came here to help us as public employees were under attack, especially at the University of Wisconsin. He did a day long school for us in the summer of 2011, and came again for intensive sessions. He was very generous with his time, supporting our struggle in Wisconsin.*

*I was very impressed with his stories and advice. One thing I remember particularly as being difficult for me, his pattern I hope to follow. He explained how he spoke with coworkers who declined to join the union. He always parted with a message of support and understanding, with the idea that the door was always open, and he would be back to talk again.*

*Losing someone to pancreatic cancer is especially difficult - my own father died young of this disease. I hope to honor Jerry's work and life in what I do, with my comrades here in Wisconsin.*

*Barbara Smith*

*Member of Wisconsin Professional Employees Union, AFT Local 4848*

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**Barbara Smith** - October 25, 2012 at 12:01 PM

MC

“ The following are remarks I made at Jerry's funeral on October 24, 2012:

*"Jerry was later assigned to the UAW International office in St. Louis in 1980 and he represented the workers at my plant, Moog Automotive. In 1981 we went through a very difficult contract negotiation with the Company. The Company bragged about how profitable they were at the bargaining table, yet they demanded concessions from the workers.*

*When the workers at Moog demanded to strike the Company because the Company's final offer contained massive concessions, Jerry convince them that striking was a death sentence and that they should stay in the plant and "work to rule." Some of my fellow workers at Moog thought he was crazy. Jerry said, if we are on our jobs, then the scabs can't take them and let's give this a try, because if it doesn't work, we can always strike later.*

*The workers finally agreed and the Work To Rule strategy that is associated with Jerry Tucker was born.*

*Six months later, the company threw their final offer out and agreed to our last proposal. We ended up with wage and benefit improvements instead of concessions. I was especially pleased that we became the first UAW local in the United States to have Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday as a paid holiday. We celebrated our first paid M.L. King Holiday in 1983, three years before it became a national holiday.*

*Jerry then implemented the same Work To Rule strategy at Schwitzer's Rolla, Missouri cooling fan plant in 1983 and again at LTV-Vought Aerospace Defense Systems plant in Grand Prairie, Texas in 1984 when their companies demanded unjustified concessions.*

*Jerry would say,*

*“No company that can’t bring out a clear justification for concessions should even come to the table with them. No union that understands the difference should accept them.”*

*On a personal note, I am deeply grateful that I had the opportunity to have a friendship with Jerry. It was an easy friendship filled with mutual respect and admiration. Aristotle said and I quote “Friendship is a single soul dwelling in two bodies” and that certainly was true of Jerry and me.*

*We enjoyed our work for the union, reading, discussing current events, and a deep love for baseball, especially the St. Louis Cardinals. He would call me and announced that he had tickets to the game and we would meet at Busch Stadium. We were at home at the ballpark. Yes, I am going to miss my friend.*

*He called me two weeks ago and said that he needed work to do. He wanted me to bring him something to work on. I am thinking, this man is in the fight of his life and he is still thinking about what he can do to make the world a better place, for workers, and people in general. That was the essence of Jerry Tucker.*

*He knew why he was put on this earth; he knew he possessed God given talents for one reason and one reason only – to help people. This burning, endless desire to advance the best interest of humankind was his mission in life. It was a force within him that he couldn’t turn off.*

*When we were at the hospital, his sister Rosanne told me that as a child, she would just follow Jerry around all day long and she would just do whatever he told her to do. Well, Rosanne, just look around. There are now more people just like you in this room. Well intention souls who spent decades doing whatever Jerry told them to do. You see, we were captured by his greatness just as you were so many years ago.*

*My favorite quote by Dr. Martin Luther King is appropriate to define*

*the life and times of Jerry Tucker and it goes like this,*

*“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”*

*Jerry Tucker always stood tall during moments of challenge and controversy. He never backed down; he never compromised his principles in the face of adversity. He continued to fight for what was right in this life and he did it fearlessly. He surpassed the ultimate measure of a man.*

*He had an uncanny ability to inspire people. Sometimes he did it wit*

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**Michael Cannon** - October 25, 2012 at 10:03 AM

RB

“ *When I was young Jerry inspired me to be involved in the labor movement to an extent that I never thought possible. He led actions on behalf of a militant reform group in the UAW. This made change seem possible. As I got older I met Jerry a few times. I was able to learn from his years of experience, especially the work he did with the Staley strikers. He was smart, usually right and always on the side of the working man or woman. He also understood the labor movement was international, and as usual, he put his money where his mouth was by working with U.S. Labor Against the War.*

*Richard Berg  
Teamsters Local 743  
Past President*

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**Richard Berg** - October 24, 2012 at 11:24 PM

ME

“ I wasn't even alive yet when he made his most famous bid to lead Region 5. I never spoke to Jerry Tucker once in my life (although I wish I had). However as a labor reporter, I see leaders inspired by the likes of Jerry Tucker continue to challenge lazy bureaucratic union leaders and employ smart shop floor strategies to win. While Jerry Tucker may be dead, his spirit lives on an example for those of my generation who continue to battle with incompetent labor leadership as labor finds itself once again backed in a corner, fighting for its' life.

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**Mike Elk** - October 24, 2012 at 05:39 PM

MY

“ Every now and then, you meet a person with remarkable courage, strong principles, and extraordinary intelligence. Jerry was these things and more. What a labor movement this would be if even 10 percent of our labor leaders were like him. We have lost a great man. My condolences to his family.

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**Michael D. Yates** - October 24, 2012 at 05:13 PM

RW

“ Others have said it more eloquently than I can, but Jerry was a true visionary, great labor leader and by his deeds, an example and inspiration for us all. I've attached a picture of Jerry at the founding convention of the Labor Campaign for Single Payer Health Care where he played an important leadership role.



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**Rand Wilson** - October 24, 2012 at 12:59 PM

SE

“ The rulers of “one-party states” in American unions rarely concede power gracefully or quietly. When faced with organized opposition, many have resorted to a strategy of disinformation and intimidation to defend their power and perks, in local or national unions. In past national union reform fights, no threat to incumbents has been greater than that posed by a popular, militant, hard-working and independent-minded official “defecting” to the rank-and-file side.

*Whether it was in the Mine Workers, Steel Workers, Teamsters, the Auto Workers or SEIU, these reform leaders came under the heaviest personal attack from the union bureaucracy because their “betrayal” is so resented and feared. It takes a person of Jerry Tucker’s singular courage and dedication to withstand the resulting campaign of dirty tricks and political slander.*

*Most people in the labor officialdom go along to get along. Their politics tend to get worse, not better, as they get older. Both during and after his illustrious career in the UAW, Jerry blazed a very different path in the labor movement. He was an organizer and teacher whose influence continues to be felt in many unions. His persistent presence in the midst of every important fight, campaign, and cause will be sadly missed but the example of his life and work will continue to inspire.*

*Steve Early*

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Steve Early - October 24, 2012 at 11:49 AM

PR

“ Progressive scholars often cite the Italian theorist Antonio Gramsci on the emergence of "organic intellectuals." He saw such men and women as grounded in the working class and as the creators and promoters of critical ideas which not only analyzed the existing society but looked beyond it to a more just and humane world. Jerry fit this definition better than anyone I have ever met. I first met him during the Hormel strike of 1985-86, when lots of progressive labor activists and leaders were looking for excuses not to support the strikers. Jerry came forward to support them, though, even at risk to his career within the UAW. He knew that wherever working women and men stood up to employers, wherever they articulated ideas of justice and fairness, that was where he needed to be. Over the next 25-plus years, we collaborated on the promotion of New Directions, on the advocacy of shopfloor strategies, union democracy and industrial democracy, and on the centrality of interracial solidarity, on the one hand, and transnational solidarity on the other. I recall fondly our work in strike support and Solidarity Schools, and our lengthy phone conversations. Most of all, I will never forget how Jerry called me "brother" and that when he said it, I could hear a whole new world.

*Peter Rachleff  
Professor of History  
Macalester College  
Saint Paul, Minnesota*

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**Peter Rachleff** - October 24, 2012 at 10:26 AM

LH

“ Linda Hawkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Jerry Raymond Tucker



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**Linda Hawkins** - October 24, 2012 at 08:21 AM

CM

“ *Claire McClinton lit a candle in memory of Jerry Raymond Tucker*



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**Claire McClinton** - October 24, 2012 at 08:18 AM

SW

“ *Jerry was a wonderful and will be truly missed.*

*-Sylvia Williams-Washington*

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**Sylvia Washington** - October 23, 2012 at 10:30 PM

MW

“ *Monae Williams lit a candle in memory of Jerry Raymond Tucker*



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**Monae Williams** - October 23, 2012 at 10:13 PM

RF

“ *Rhonda Foster lit a candle in memory of Jerry Raymond Tucker*

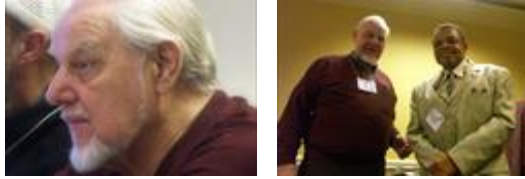


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**Rhonda Foster** - October 23, 2012 at 10:12 PM

JF

“ 2 files added to the album Two photos of Jerry from the Labor Campaign for Single Payer meeting in 2009



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**Jon Flanders** - October 23, 2012 at 09:29 PM

DN

“ Jerry was a warrior for social and economic justice. He taught so many of us so much. He will not be forgotten, nor will his inspiration. Thank you for sharing him with us.

*David Newby*  
*Former President, Wisconsin State AFL-CIO*

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**David Newby** - October 23, 2012 at 09:18 PM

JS

“ Jerry was present at so many historic moments and was a leader of a lot of them. He had so many stories to tell--and always so sharply--he could skewer an opponent so you knew just what was up with that guy. I would have liked to sit and listen to his experiences in the UAW for hours--and he remembered everything. Yes, he was a great strategist and leader, and he was also fun to hang out with.  
*Jane Slaughter*

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**Jane Slaughter** - October 23, 2012 at 08:16 PM

DM

“ *My sincere condolences to Jerry's family. I know our Ferguson High School Class of 1956 future reunions will not be the same with out him.*

*Donna Biermann McAdams*

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**Donna Biermann McAdams** - October 23, 2012 at 07:31 PM

JR

“ *I met Jerry in the 90s when I work with him and Pancho Medrano on the challenge to the UAW election. Working with Jerry on that case was one of the defining and most precious moments in my life. He was truly a great man and cannot be replaced.*

*John Richards*

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**John Richards** - October 23, 2012 at 05:45 PM

BR

“ *Like a shadow declining swiftly...away...like the dew of the morning gone with the heat of the day; like the wind in the treetops, like a wave of the sea, so are our lives on earth when seen in light of eternity.*

*~ Ruth Bell Graham*

*On behalf of the African American Helping Professionals United, we send our sincere condolences to Elaine and her family for the loss their beloved Jerry and our honorary member. Jerry was always present at any of our special gatherings and enjoyed being the only guy sometimes with all the women, including his wife. He was our "Charlie" and we were his angels. To Elaine, we will always be your constant support during this difficult time and beyond. God bless you and your family.*

*Betty Richardson, AAHPU President, St. Louis, MO*

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**Betty Richardson** - October 23, 2012 at 03:55 PM

CW

“ *Christal D Williams lit a candle in memory of Jerry Raymond Tucker*



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**Christal D Williams** - October 23, 2012 at 03:18 PM

TS

“ *I will have the awesaome task of preaching his eulogy on Wednesday. I have been in prayer to be able to do The Man of Justice, Justice. God Bless this wonderful family. Blessings to all,*

*The Rev. Edmund E. Lowe, Sr.*

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**The Rev. Edmund E. Lowe, Sr.** - October 23, 2012 at 02:53 PM

EJ

“ *Erma Jenkins-Watts lit a candle in memory of Jerry Raymond Tucker*



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**Erma Jenkins-Watts** - October 23, 2012 at 01:43 PM

JF

“ *Joe F. Franks lit a candle in memory of Jerry Raymond Tucker*



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**Joe F. Franks** - October 23, 2012 at 01:19 PM

RG

“ Rosanne Gilliam lit a candle in memory of Jerry Raymond Tucker



Rosanne Gilliam - October 23, 2012 at 12:41 PM

GG

“ In the early 1990's the Decatur (IL) "War Zone" battles were raging. Jerry played a key role as an adviser - helping the striking locals to organize internally. Then one fine day in June 1994, he and others laid it on the line with peaceful protest and civil disobedience. The police responded with pepper gas. That's Jerry at the lower left in this photo. He took a shot straight in the face. (One tough SOB).



Gary Gaines - October 23, 2012 at 09:56 AM

LS

“ Leif Sagaas lit a candle in memory of Jerry Raymond Tucker



Leif Sagaas - October 23, 2012 at 09:55 AM

KL

“ *Dear Elaine and Family*

*On behalf of the Canadian Auto Workers union (CAW-Canada), I want to extend to you and your family our sincere condolences as you grieve Jerry's passing. We also want to extend our sincere appreciation for the support and encouragement you provided Brother Tucker over the years. Political, social, economic and trade union activism often takes precedence over family time. Therefore, the sacrifices made on behalf of the larger families in the labour movement is appreciated, as was Jerry's relentless determination to fight for justice in and outside the workplace. Jerry's inspiration and leadership provided the CAW the confidence to fight and not concede our hard fought gains won through successive bargaining periods.*

*Our thoughts and best wishes are with the Tucker family. God Bless.*

*Ken Lewenza, National President, CAW-Canada*

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**Ken Lewenza** - October 23, 2012 at 09:47 AM

GG

“ Jerry Tucker was among the top labor leaders to ever come out of the St. Louis region. I remember him going to Decatur, IL to the "War Zone" where Firestone, Caterpillar and A.E. Staley had forced their workers into the streets with POS (Piece of S\*\*T) labor agreements while the companies were very profitable. He drove several hundred miles dozens of times to support those workers in their hour of need. He was on the front picket line the days the Decatur and IL State Police pepper gassed the crowd - and I filmed it as part of Labor Vision.

*He was a mentor to scores of younger activists like myself. All you had to do was ask for his help and he was there. He became a leader in the national healthcare fight for "single payer" coverage. I'll miss you Jerry!! Solidarity Forever!!*

*(Photo: July 2011 in Granite City, IL at the 1877 St. Louis Area General Strike Commemoration - Three of my favorite mentors Jerry, former USW District 34 Director Gene Reay, and Ed Sadlowski, former USW District 31 Director and candidate for USW International President. These three are greatly responsible for making me into a tree hugging, liberal, leftist, activist. THANKS GUYS!!) (Ed and Gene still around - helping young activists.)*



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Gary Gaines - October 23, 2012 at 09:36 AM



“ To the family and friends of Jerry Tucker,

*We in the Black Workers For Justice (BWFJ) are greatly saddened, as we know is the case for the larger U.S. and international workers movement by the passing of our Brother Jerry Tucker.*

*Jerry was a valiant working class fighter, strategist and internationalist. He recognized the importance of the struggle against racism, sexism and anti-immigrant prejudice as critical to uniting the working class. He believed in rank-and-file democratic social movement unionism, where the unions fight on behalf of the larger working class and not just its members. Jerry founded and helped to build the New Directions Caucus inside of the UAW to fight for rank-and-file democratic control and against business unionism.*

*Several BWFJ members participated in the Solidarity Schools organized by Jerry. At the request of BWFJ, Jerry organized a special Southern Solidarity School at the Penn Center on St Helena Island in South Carolina in 2009. His Wife Elaine and daughter were part of the team facilitating the Southern School.*

*He was a real supporter of our efforts to organize in North Carolina and to build a network and movement to organize in the South. He always took out an ad yearly for the BWFJ Annual Martin Luther King Support for Labor Banquet.*

*Despite his wealth of experience in the labor movement, Jerry was easy to talk to, made himself accessible to the average worker, and had great humility in his way of sharing lessons.*

*He was a GOOD leader, teacher and friend of BWFJ, and we will hold him high in our memory and draw on the courage to struggle that he exemplified.*

*Presente!*

*Black Workers For Justice - Executive Committee*

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**Saladin Muhammad** - October 23, 2012 at 08:57 AM

MH

“ *Condolences to one of the few union officials to act in a fashion and manner befitting of an elected union official.*

*Condolences to the family of Bro. Tucker.*

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**Mike Harris** - October 23, 2012 at 08:06 AM

HG

“ *Jerry has given us a great example and great ideas to fight. We got to know him in the 90s and he supported us to develop inplant strategies with auto and retail workers in Germany. The fight of New Directions helped us internationally to learn from the american experiences in the auto sector and to develop strategies to fight back. We will always thank him and never forget him. We miss you.*



**Heiner Koehnen, TIE Germany** - October 23, 2012 at 05:28 AM

JG

“ *Jens Huhn TIE Germany lit a candle in memory of Jerry Raymond Tucker*



**Jens Huhn TIE Germany** - October 23, 2012 at 05:21 AM

RB

“ *Sent a gift in the memory of Brother Jerry Tucker.*

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**Ron Blum** - October 23, 2012 at 01:20 AM

LM

“ *Lisa Morowitz lit a candle in memory of Jerry Raymond Tucker*



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**Lisa Morowitz** - October 23, 2012 at 12:17 AM

MB

“ *Mona D. Borders lit a candle in memory of Jerry Raymond Tucker*



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**Mona D. Borders** - October 22, 2012 at 10:30 PM

RJ

“ *Jerry will be dearly missed by the community of Labor!! We owe him many thanks for his dedication to our cause and teaching us all how to stand up and support each other. I just got to know Jerry over the past few years, but he always made me feel like an old friend, sharing stories of his days at Carter Carburetor working with my aunt. He got me involved in the Single Payer Movement and I hope we can all work to make it a reality in his memory!! God Bless You Jerry and Thanks So Much.*



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**Robert Justice** - October 22, 2012 at 10:28 PM

JW

“ I will always have the memories of a great leader and proponent of the working class. As a past union official, I sought Jerry's advice many a time and his insight helped me focus on the true struggle at hand. It was an honor to have known this man. Solidarity, FOREVER, Brother Tucker.

Justin West - October 22, 2012 at 09:37 PM

MI

“ Michelle sent a virtual gift in memory of Jerry Raymond Tucker



Michelle - October 22, 2012 at 06:53 PM

MI

This is for Uncle Jerry because I know he is watching the Cardinals and rooting away. :-)

Michelle - October 22, 2012 at 06:54 PM

EF

“ I have worked with Jerry over the years and have NEVER found a more dedicated, determined trade unionist whose ONLY goal was to make the lives of working people better. He spoke his mind. He spoke the truth. He was a fighter for the working man. May his soul rest in peace. He certainly deserves that. He will be missed.

Ed Finkelstein, Publisher, St. Louis/Southern Illinois Labor Tribune

Ed Finkelstein - October 22, 2012 at 05:26 PM

FJ

“ Like to say Thank You, to Brother Jerry for the Love , unite, fight, for a great Hope in everyone live,s! Frank Pena Jr.



Frank Pena Jr. - October 22, 2012 at 02:40 PM

SD

“ Nobody understood 'People Power' better than Jerry Tucker. He was a rare activist who understood the strategic planning side of things, as well as someone who stood with those in need when the going got rough; he could be counted on to help lead the fight and generate street heat. Friend to workers everywhere, many people knew him and called him friend.

Shannon Duffy - October 22, 2012 at 02:14 PM



“ The United Media Guild owes so much to Jerry. He showed us how to mobilize and unify our members in the workplace. He showed us how to build public support for our cause. He was a hands-on consultant to us during a hard contract fight and he remained a close friend. He had a profound impact on our leaders and his influence is felt today as we organize and represent new units in a distressed industry. We feel his fighting spirit every day.

Jeff Gordon - October 22, 2012 at 01:07 PM

MM

“ I think of my years in New Directions with Jerry as the time I learned the most, the fastest. Just donated to Labor Campaign for Single Payer Healthcare in Jerry's memory. Hope everyone who can does.

Marybeth Menaker - October 22, 2012 at 12:44 PM

WP

“ I was a very young and absolutely green organizer for the United Farm Workers lost in the big city of St. Louis when Jerry Tucker took me under his wing in 1971. He lived his life as a principled and creative man. We will remember him.

*Walter Pearson*

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**Walter Pearson** - October 22, 2012 at 11:50 AM

KM

“ Kimberly McLain lit a candle in memory of Jerry Raymond Tucker



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**Kimberly McLain** - October 22, 2012 at 09:29 AM

RV

“ When Jerry invited us to the Southern Solidarity School in South Carolina, he opened a whole new world to us.

*Thanks, Jerry.*

*Richard and Idell Vogel*

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**Richard D. Vogel** - October 22, 2012 at 08:04 AM

FH

“ Jerry Tucker was one of the best things that happened to the United Auto Workers and to the US labor movement as a whole, and will be sorely missed.

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**Frank Hammer** - October 21, 2012 at 09:02 PM

JK

“ Jack Kiedel lit a candle in memory of Jerry Raymond Tucker



Jack Kiedel - October 21, 2012 at 08:54 PM

MI

“ Michelle lit a candle in memory of Jerry Raymond Tucker



Michelle - October 21, 2012 at 07:22 PM

MI

*My Uncle Jerry was one of the best things that has happened to me. Thank you for being my support and inspiration..Miss you so much. Love Michelle*

Michelle - October 21, 2012 at 07:24 PM

ME

“ Muzette Eaton-Lynch lit a candle in memory of Jerry Raymond Tucker



Muzette Eaton-Lynch - October 21, 2012 at 04:10 PM



“ *Mike Cannon lit a candle in memory of Jerry Raymond Tucker*



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**Mike Cannon** - October 21, 2012 at 03:31 PM



“ *Dorothy Shepard sent a virtual gift in memory of Jerry Raymond Tucker*



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**Dorothy Shepard** - October 21, 2012 at 03:05 PM



“ *Denise Perry lit a candle in memory of Jerry Raymond Tucker*



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**Denise Perry** - October 21, 2012 at 10:40 AM



“ *Marguerite E. Randall lit a candle in memory of Jerry Raymond Tucker*



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**Marguerite E. Randall** - October 21, 2012 at 09:50 AM

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“ *Kenneth McGhee And Archway Staff lit a candle in memory of Jerry Raymond Tucker*



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**Kenneth McGhee and Archway Staff** - October 20, 2012 at 05:31 PM