

IN MEMORIAM

Lee Duncan
May 12, 1954 - May 23, 2019

Lee Duncan, a 30-year member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 48, passed away May 23 after a long battle with cancer. He was 65.

Duncan was a business rep for Local 48. He was also co-founder of the non-profit Unions for Kids (U4K) motorcycle poker run. The annual event, held from 2003 to 2015, included a poker run, Harley-Davidson raffle, auction, and chili cookoff — with all proceeds going to Doernbecher Children’s Hospital. U4K gave away 12 Harleys and cut checks



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to the children’s hospital totaling \$465,000.

Oliver Lee Duncan was born May 12, 1954, in Fort Madison, Iowa. His family moved to Evergreen, Colorado, and later to Baker, Oregon, where he graduated from high school.

A veteran of the U.S. Navy, Duncan joined the Marine Unit of IBEW Local 48 in 1989 after taking a job at WSI at the Portland Ship Repair Yard on Swan Island. He left the shipyard in 1994 to work as a low-voltage electrician on land. In 1999, while working for Christensen Electric, then-Local 48 business manager Jerry Bruce

hired him as an organizer.

Duncan remained on staff as an organizer and later as a business rep until 2009. He went back to the tools for a couple years before being rehired as a business rep in 2011. He worked in that capacity until his retirement in July 2014.

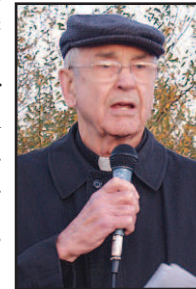
Duncan served on Local 48’s Executive Board, as a delegate to the Northwest Oregon Labor Council, and on the Executive Board of the IBEW & United Workers Federal Credit Union.

Duncan is survived by his wife Kathy, also a member of Local 48. They married in 2008 in a ceremony held at the IBEW Local 48 hall. Other survivors include step-daughter, Amy; sister, Debra Payne; and brother, John.

A memorial service has been set for 3 p.m. Sunday, June 30, at the IBEW Local 48 Hall.

Father Robert Krueger
Jan. 20, 1929 - April 28, 2019

The local labor movement lost a friend and ally April 28 with the death of Robert Krueger, a Catholic priest who was often seen at labor union rallies and picket lines. Krueger was 90. Known to many as “Father Bob,” Krueger was a proponent of Catholic



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social teaching, a body of doctrine in the church that addresses oppression, social justice, and wealth distribution.

“Because of our dignity as human beings, made in the image of God, workers have rights to be able to fulfill their destiny, to receive sufficient compensation, to be treated well,” Krueger told the Labor Press in a 2009 profile. “They have the right to organize and bargain collectively and strike if necessary. We learned that as kids, and I never forgot.”

Krueger attended Portland’s Central Catholic High School in the 1940s, studied at Mount Angel Seminary and St. Ed-

ward Seminary in Kenmore, Washington, and was ordained as a priest in 1956.

Over the years he served at half a dozen Catholic parishes and schools, and was pastor of St. Andrew Parish in Northeast Portland from 1990 to 2004. After retiring in 2004, he continued to serve as priest moderator at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Southeast Portland.

Krueger spoke for justice, whether at rallies or testifying at Portland city council against prison labor in parks. In 1997 he was arrested for civil disobedience in the lobby of Wells Fargo bank in support of striking steelworkers. At one time he was member of the steering committee of the union-backed solidarity group Portland Jobs With Justice.

Following a May 15 funeral mass at St. Andrew, Father Krueger was buried in the priests’ section at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

ATU president Larry Hanley

Larry Hanley, national president of 200,000-member Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), died suddenly of pulmonary disease May 7 at the age of 62. A bus driver, he became president of Staten Island Local 726 in 1987. He allied with community groups to fight transit fare increases, and helped found the New York

state Working Families Party. He won election as ATU national president in 2010 after fighting to oust mob-connected officials in a Queens local. As head of the national union, he advocated for better funding of mass transit as a response to climate change. Hundreds turned out to his funeral in Staten Island, and locals around the country observed a moment of silence May 14.



Larry Hanley



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**Brother Lee Duncan,
 You will be missed.**