

Thanks to Tom Calderbank for arranging for the following:

'(Never to be)
FORGOTTEN HERO'

BILL HUNTER
MEMORIAL COMMENTS BOOK

~ 30th July 2015 ~

x.

We love you and miss you grandad all our
love from Andy, Lella, Ruby and Phoebe. X♡

Bill, I knew you before I ever
met you. You were a giant
of the left in Liverpool.
✓✓✓

Sincere condolences to Bill's
Family.

Bill always greeted
us thus..... "it's the
3 Witches!"

(Hubble, bubble, toil and
Trouble!)

Remembered with great
affection, the 3 Witches

Cathy Wilson.

Ann Bannister

Hesley Parkwood.
(and Clark)

Bill & Ray.

A force to be reckoned with
together and fond memories of
times together at the cottage.

with love.

Eileen,

I first met Bill in 1984 when we
were collecting for the miners. The
Liverpool & Group would go back to his
flat where we sat around talked
about the world. Those discussions
were to have a big influence in my
life.

Sam Somoff

Rest in Peace Bill - always
admired you - you meant so
much to me!!!
Nick Peck

Bill and Rae - were the two
most influential people in the short
history of my political career - I
met Bill - in the 60s along with
Rae. Had the privilege of working
with him after the 1985 - split
in the Ld. My political life -
developed in leaps at times - as an
independent trade worker at organics -
from that point on. Before I was good
at following others - afterwards - they
followed me. The lasting imprint will
be - one of Saul to have met and
enjoyed his advice - if not always
following it - John V.

Bill - a principled class fighter.
A man whose life, whose story,
must not be forgotten. An
internationalist. A concern
with a real sense of history,
a responsibility towards the
past as well as the future. You
can't make the future unless
you're honest about the past.

Terry Foster
Edinburgh.

I salute Bill's lifetime of
struggle for the working
class, for revolution.
Long may his tradition
be remembered. A
glorious contribution!
Class Cowen

I have many memories of
Bill, although none of them are
recent.

One thing that particularly stays
in my mind, small in its way
but says so much.

He spoke at a meeting in Hull
organised by the Trade Council.
Thatcher's "There is no such thing as
a free society" was still in the air & a
question was raised about it.

In simple terms & without jargon
(and that is the key point) he
just demolished Thatcher's position.

T. Gordon T. Gordon
(Hull)

ALWAYS POSITIVE
ALWAYS ENCOURAGING
NOTHING IMPOSSIBLE

GREAT MAN!

RISE + CURE

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Clare Cowen

I remember Bill Hunter at
WRP meetings (the last ones)
standing up to Healy - he
never accepted the awful
Thrip Gt said. He, Bill,
was a true rock, a principled
struggler for workers' rights, not
many of them left to give
inspiration to the young ones
Massie O'bank.

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Precious memories of a long
tradition of struggle. Ray Bell
inspired me and many others.
Hopefully new generations will also
learn and make a better world.
Felicity Dawkins

Because Bill never lost
confidence in the working class
to take responsibility for its
own future and therefore the
future of humanity — he
has left many texts of great
importance to the younger
generation coming into action
today and we must ensure
that these historic texts and
experiences are made available
Bill was a friend, a comrade
and a Teacher to me
personally. Thanks for bringing
us together to celebrate
Bill's life. Dot Gibson.

Bill.,

William (Bill) Rushton
reached me through you.

I will always be grateful,
and try to pass on such
inspiration to the Bills
that will continue the
fight for justice.
Peace! Tayo & Helen

We love you and miss you grandad all over
love from Andy, Laila, Baby and Phoebe. X

Bill, I knew you before I ever
met you. You were a giant
of the left in Liverpool.
Wendy

ONLY SAW YOU SPEAK A
COUPLE OF TIMES, BUT A
REAL INSPIRATION, AND
YOU BROUGHT UP A GOOD
FORM!

I came into contact with
you over the defence of
refugees in 2003 and
admired you ever since.
A life well-lived, Bill.
Dore X

I first heard Bill at the last
ever joint DUP/Trades Council Meeting (1968?69?)
- 'having a rant' - so great he remained a
lifelong socialist, thinker and fighter and
produced a lovely family with Ray.

Lesley . x

To Bill's Family,

Your father was a genuine
asset to the working class in
word, thought and deed.

Bill was a long time supporter of
socialism and will be remembered
with fond memories.

Kou Andersen

CONDOLENCES & CONGRATULATIONS
FOR A WONDERFUL FATHER
TO HIS FAMILY & A TRUE WORKING
MAN HERE
"WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN"
"WHAT A MAN"
JOHN LEATHALL

I remember your irreverent
sense of humour Bill, which
was quite something in the
old WRP days! Hilary (Harrocks)

Hi Bill. Bill has 2 cases que
aprendi de usted, que
no se puede ser un revolucionario
sin ser buen padre, esposo or
compañero lo mas importante
es sentir el dolor de los otros

CARLONELO
30/7/15

Bill is remembered on four continents
because of his lifelong struggle for
internationalism & Trotskyism.
With Bill forever Martin.

Always a friendly face but
always full principled and an
anchor for having a correct
political position Peter.

When I went to the launch of
Bill's Edward Rushton book, at the
old Picket in Hordman St in (....?)
the books hadn't been printed yet, so
the publisher had mocked up some
copies for display.

I picked one up and flicked through it.
I was absolutely bowled over. Here was
a book about a revolutionary, by a
revolutionary. The subject was a blind
poet, & here is a most beautiful, poetic,
blank tribute to him.

So this is it: the book we all wrote
together, all these years later, in
tribute to Our Bill.

All Love, Always,

Tommy (Stewart)
xxx.

to appeal to all.

Today Has Been a fitting
end to a full life
loved by all who
knew him

June Hamlin
+ Dennis.

BILL + RAY - WHAT A TEAM.
AT TIMES RAY SEEMED TO BE
PEERING THE YOUNG SOCIALISTS
OF THE NORTH WEST SINGLE
HANDED ☺ WHAT A LEGACY.

ALWAYS REMEMBERED
FOR BUILDING THE FOUNDATIONS
TO FUTURE FIGHTS.

LOTS OF LOVE

LOTS OF GOOD MEMORIES

SUE
X.

My Uncle Bull

What a Breath of Fresh
Air, A Rabble.

From A Staunch Methodist
family, the youngest of four
Eyes she was very
religious - Bull was a
free spirit not that I
saw him a lot, His Travels
Had taken Him to England
and on those irregular visits
to the city the stories and
memories were wonderful to
hear.

Like folk and Ray has news
has that wonderful ability

10 Bill

Wishing you could be with
us to-day Seeing how big the
Labour movement has grown
The struggle goes on on
and the people of to-day
Have the courage you
had we achieve it

From a
Comrade
Jimmy
Sutton
All the Best

Deepest condolences upon Bill's passing but as Pitelie aptly said at the funeral ceremony, Bill lives on in the memories of all who met him and even in many who did not meet him but read his writings.

I enjoyed the few meetings I attended at which Bill spoke and the too few conversations I had with him. I found him ready and enthusiastic to share his considerable experience of the struggle for socialism in an approachable and friendly way. I wish I had had opportunities to talk to Bill many more times.

John Kavan, Stockholm

My abiding memory of Bill is at a meeting I was chairing 'Bill stood up and was speaking for a while, I said 'thanks bill' and he ignored me, as I repeated this he continued to talk and smile, I realised he had fallen his hearing aid out, so walked over to him, thanked him & told him to put them back in, he smiled knowingly and sat down, we laughed about this later. Sue Joyce

Bill was one of the nicest and most
human people in the Trotskyist
movement. When I "dropped back
in" at the WRP printworks in Rumson,
Bill and Rae took me in and looked
after me.

Bill was a worker, a Trotskyist and
a leader. He wrote important texts
for the movement on major developments.
My abiding memory. During the WRP
split, some comrades were disoriented,
and turned up at the Rumson print-
shop armed with pickaxe handles.
Bill fearlessly faced them down at
the gate, said anyone could come
in who stood for the Fourth
International, and had them
pile up their clubs and come in
for the discussion →

→ Our comrade Balaz Nagy is
himself seriously ill, but has
asked me to join his name to
the expressions of support ~~to~~ to the
family and comrades.

B&S Archer

Thanks also to all those who sent cards