

Jane Tuck 1929-2017

Life-long peace advocate and social justice activist

Jane Tuck, an esteemed elder of the Esperanza passed into spirit in December, 2017. She was born in 1929 in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania and graduated from Indiana State Teacher's College teaching history for a brief period before joining her husband, Woody, who had enlisted in the Air Force during the Korean War. At the time of the Vietnam War she became very involved in anti-war activities leading to a life long advocacy for Peace. In applying for the Esperanza's 2004 WAARR exhibit at La Nueva Esperanza she stated: *As an Air Force wife, I was appalled by the actions of my government in Vietnam. I became active in peace organizations. I put together this collage and hung it in my living room so that any visitor to my home would know my stand for stopping this immoral war.* When Jane moved to San Antonio, she became involved with the American Friends Service Committee, the Fellowship of Reconciliation and the American Civil Liberties Union. It was during this time at the old space of the Esperanza Peace and Justice Center on N. Flores that we came to know her and often work with her. Upon her passing Patti Radle noted: *Jane Tuck was a woman who was such a great inspiration and model in causes for social justice. She volunteered with Inner City, was very active in the ACLU, causes for peace and non-violence. So many people in San Antonio know how hard she worked, how gracious she was, and how she never felt she did enough—She will be missed greatly by many who were inspired to keep on going as she did for almost 9 decades.* Graciela Sánchez of the Esperanza recalled: *I remember in the last 10 years how she lead the fight against The Patriot Act, how she worked with us on the Free Speech Coalition circa 2007-10, and against US aggression throughout the world. Que en paz descansas dear sweet and fierce Jane. Jane Tuck presente, ahora y siempre.* Esperanza staff,

board and buena gente offer our sincere condolences to Woody, her husband, her family and Jane's many fellow activists and friends. Her life will remain a model for us all to emulate. ¡Jane Tuck, presente!



Jane & Woody at a 2003 Not In Our Name Rally, protesting the Patriot Act & other repressive responses to the September 11, 2001 attacks.



Jane at a rally honoring John Stanford, another elder activist, who passed in 2013.



Jane Tuck at the first Lila Downs concert at Guadalupe Plaza in 2004.



Jane and Woody attended an Inner City holiday fundraiser in December, 2017.



At the 2006 Esperanza art exhibit, *They Uprooted the Palestinians, Now They've Uprooted the Olive Trees* by Salwa Arnous.



Protesting against Guantanamo with John Stanford in the background in 2003.

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