

As some of you might know, my wife Kitty Tucker passed on the evening of March 30th. In 1963, at the age of 19, she was diagnosed with Hodgkins Disease and given a few months to live. But oh, what a life she went on to live as a mother, loving wife, and warrior for justice. By 1965, she was jailed in Alabama for trying to register African-American voters. She helped found a medical clinic for the poor that's still open, fought for women's rights, became an attorney and helped organize a successful lawsuit on behalf of the parents of Karen Silkwood, a nuclear worker, that ultimately prevailed in the Supreme Court. (Silkwood's life was made into an Oscar winning movie starring Cher and Meryl Streep). Kitty fought against food irradiation, and even in her later years was organizing to have the City of Takoma Park divest from banks supporting the nuclear weapons industry. The list goes on.

Kitty had a constant struggle with ill health. She also survived breast cancer, survived having two heart valves replaced (damaged by rheumatic fever as a child), lived through chronic migraines and even managed to survive outliving the loss of her oldest child. She lived a long life and impacted many and will be missed.

Most importantly, she raised her children with unconditional love and opened the door to a life of meaning for me.

Warmest Regards,

Bob