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Caroline Lund—September 24, 1944-October 14, 2006

Caroline Lund, a long time union and political activist, UAW member, friend of the Editors and a *Way Points* contributor died October 14, 2006. She died from Lou Gehrig's Disease or Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) at the age of 62.

Caroline came of age in the turbulent era of the 1960s and actively worked to end the war



in Viet Nam. In 1980 she took a job as an autoworker for GM in New York. During that period she energetically supported union causes including the struggles for PATCO, Greyhound, Eastern Airlines and Hormel workers. Also during that period she took jobs as a garment worker, electrical worker, telephone worker, oil worker and steel worker. These jobs included active union membership in the associated unions. She supported the AMFA strike at Northwest and walked the picket line at SFO last year.

She worked at the GM/Toyota NUMMI plant, in Fremont, CA, from 1992 until her illness forbade it. While there, she published one of the best rank and file plant newsletters in the United States, the *Barking Dog*,

for eight years. She distributed over 1,000 copies each print run to her coworkers. It was widely read in the plant. She ran as an independent and was elected as Trustee and sat on the Executive Board of UAW Local 2244.

When we asked her to write about her experience of Lean manufacturing methods used at NUMMI, she gladly accepted. In her issue # 7 byline she offered advice to UAW workers: "Accept only what's good for workers in the Lean concept and resist what hurts workers. Learn what you can from Lean and help your members take more control of the workplace."

Over 100 friends, co-workers and political associates attended a memorial/celebration meeting held at the Humanist Hall in Oakland on November 11, where Malik Miah, *Way Points* Editor and long time friend of Caroline, was a featured speaker.

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