

# Celebrate the Life and Political Contributions of Betsy McDonald

## 45-year cadre of the Socialist Workers Party



*Betsy McDonald, left, campaigning in 2013 in the successful fight to free the Cuban Five, five Cuban revolutionaries imprisoned in the U.S. on frame-up charges.*

Betsy McDonald was a cadre of the Socialist Workers Party in the Southwest, building the communist movement in Arizona and California for over four decades. She died on December 7 at the age of 95. She was a well-respected fighter in the labor movement, for Mexican-American and Black rights in Arizona going back to the 1950s.

Betsy was a supporter of the Cuban Revolution. She helped organize protests against U.S. wars from Vietnam to Iraq and spoke out against the present U.S. war drive in the Mideast.

Betsy marched on picket lines of farmworkers fighting for a union in the citrus groves of Arizona in the 1970s. She championed the

copper miners strike in 1983, and campaigned for years in defense of immigrant workers against deportations. Betsy was an active member of the steelworkers and autoworkers unions.

She was an energetic promoter of the party program and a first-class recruiter of young people to the communist movement.

**Sunday, December 13**  
3:00 p.m. reception • 4:00 program

**Arts and Humanities Building  
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