

LOUIS J. KURTZ

11/30/1947 – 8/14/2021

Brother Kurtz was a good friend to all and a loyal 677-union activist. He started his career at Mack Trucks July 15, 1968. At that time committeeman and top negotiator Joe McFadden, my uncle, took Lou under his wing and groomed him to be an outstanding union rep. His first union position was that of alternate steward and ever since Lou's mission was to care for his fellow union brothers and sisters. Brother Joe nicknamed him "the kid" which Lou enjoyed because Lou was a very kind-hearted kid. He could also be a real tough guy if the situation warranted.

Within a few years Lou bumped into the Macungie plant as the Allentown plants closed. That's when I got to know Lou and we became great friends. Lou loved all types of music and he loved to dance. Many a time we could be found enjoying music at a concert especially that of Pink Floyd and "Wish you were here" -- one of Lou's favorites. So much so that he'd be dancing in the aisle.

Lou represented his union, Local 677 for over 50 years. He served as steward, committeeman, executive board member and negotiator. On July 1, 2019 Lou was sworn in as alternate Mack Shop Chairperson. Throughout his years of service Lou worked long and hard to keep the Macungie plant going strong, maintaining jobs for his fellow brothers and sisters.

In memory of our departed Brother Lou Kurtz please take a few moments to say good-bye to our friend and to reflect on his many contributions to our great Local thus ensuring a future for the brothers and sisters whom he loved and cared for.

Louie and Marge dancing at the UAW Local 677 80th Anniversary Party.



Farewell my friend and brother,
Walt Smith, III
President