



Dan Hodges, Presente!
(1949-2025)

Daniel M. Hodges worked with Vote Health in the 1990s to found Health Care for All. He brought the Single Payer Health Care movement to California. Dan later became Chair of Health Care for All California (HCA) for many years to pursue that legislative goal. We have lost a fighter, a leader, a very good and honest man – Dan, Presente!

Dan was born on June 15, 1949 in Raleigh, North Carolina. He spent some of his early years in Queens, New York. At age 6, his parents moved to the town of Larchmont, a suburb north of New York City, where he lived until college.

Dan attended Murray Avenue Elementary School, Mamaroneck Junior High School and Mamaroneck High School. He then completed four years at Middlebury College in Vermont where he majored in Political Science. After graduation in 1971, he moved to Massachusetts where he obtained his MA degree in Education in order to teach English as a second language.

His ESL teaching helped many foreign-born students in the Boston area. He taught at SCALE in Somerville, MA., Roxbury Community College in Dorchester, MA and at the University of Massachusetts/Boston before moving to the Bay Area. Until his retirement in 2015, he spent 30 years as a technical writer for a company located in Berkeley, Alameda, and Emeryville.

Throughout his college years and later working life, Dan was an organizer and social activist. He helped organize tenants for the Cambridge Tenants Organization (CTO) in Massachusetts. As an ESL teacher, he was active in Boston-based District 65/UAW. He also worked as an organizer for the Central America Solidarity Association (CASA).

Dan dedicated his life to helping others. Dan loved to read and read thousands of books during his life. He also loved music, as well as exercise and travel. He and Eveline married in July 1986 in Maui/Hawaii and they lived happily together for 34 years. Above all, he was a loving, caring, sensitive, and a wonderful husband. They had unforgettable memories from travelling within the US and abroad.

Dan suffered poor health during the pandemic and had many surgeries. He accomplished much before passing at Kaiser Oakland on Friday March 28th at the age of 75. Dan, Presente!