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# Dave Packer

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**Socialist Resistance leader Dave Packer died suddenly of a brain haemorrhage at the age of sixty five. His funeral took place on Friday 20 July, attended by 100 people and opened by his partner of almost 30 years Jane Kelly.**

Penelope Duggan spoke on behalf of the Fourth International, of which Dave had been a leadership member in the 1980s-90s, and Vinay Ostrolenk aged 13 read a powerful poem he had written about Dave. Tributes were also paid by Judith Arkwright, Ned Kelly and Lawrence Ashfold.

Alan Thornett on behalf of Socialist Resistance made the final contribution which we publish in our features section "[Dave Packer: a tribute](#)". We also publish a contribution by another longstanding collaborator of Dave who was unable to be at the funeral, Phil Hearse, [A personal tribute to Dave Packer](#).