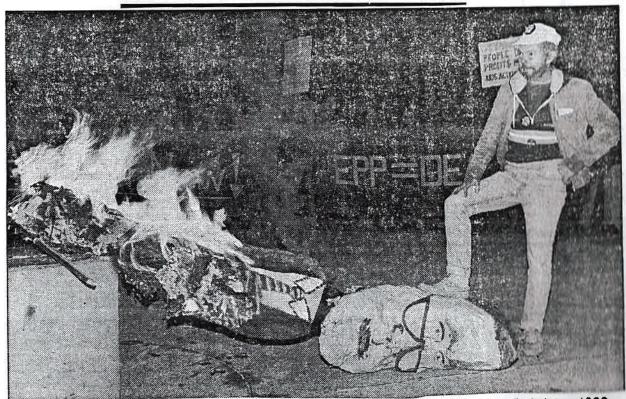
AIDS ACTION NOW!



David Marriage poses with an effigy of Brian Mulroney during an October 1988 protest against the federal Tories criminal neglect of people living with ALDS.

DAVID MARRIAGE: GENTLE COURAGEOUS ACTIVIST

David Marriage passed away on June 23rd 1989. He waged a determined battle against AIDS on every front: political, medical and personal. David's efforts have helped extend and improve the lives of all people living with AIDS. His gentle courage will continue to inspire us all.

David was an actor and carpenter; his creative skills helped give AIDS activism extra strength. From empty coffins symbolizing government negligence to the multi-coloured painter hats sold at last year's Pride Day, David had a major impact on AIDS ACTION NOW!

His warmth and humour were very welcome features of many AANI meetings and gatherings. David was an articulate speaker in combatting AIDS neglect. In a January 1989 CBC news program David was featured explaining how federal government restrictions forced him to search all over the globe to get promising drugs. "Maybe what we need" said David, "is for a cabinet Minister to get AIDS." The program, was a key element in the victory with the government's emergency drug release program. People living with AIDS/HIV can now use this program to get access to some experimental drugs.

David was a firm believer in a holistic approach to combatting AIDS. As well as political action he researched and experimented with drug and complementary therapies and was a dedicated supporter of the AIDS Mastery which helps build emotional and spiritual defences against AIDS.

AAN! joins David's many friends and his family in celebrating his compassion and spirit. David wished to be remembered through donations to AIDS ACTION NOW!

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