

Moonanum James, ¡presente!

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Moonanum James, co-leader of United American Indians of New England. SLL photo: Greg Butterfield

Struggle-La Lucha newspaper and the Socialist Unity Party mourn the passing of Indigenous leader and activist Roland (Moonanum) James. We extend our sympathy and solidarity to his family, friends and community.

"Moonanum James died last night at age 70. Proud Aquinnah Wampanoag man, co-leader of [United American Indians of New England](#), a powerful speaker, talented musician, anti-war Navy vet, sworn enemy of the pilgrims, fighter for justice, and father of Ben, Kisha and Womsikuk. Thank you to VA hospital staff who were very kind and took good care of him," wrote UAINE co-leader Mahtowin Munro on Dec. 5.

James was well known and respected as an organizer of the annual National Day of Mourning observance and march in Plymouth, Mass., on the U.S. "Thanksgiving" holiday, begun by his father Wamsutta Frank James more than five decades ago. NDOM honors the survival and continuing struggle of Indigenous peoples in the Americas and worldwide against colonialism and capitalism.

Read Moonanum James' talk at the 50th National Day of Mourning in 2019, ["The Thanksgiving myth celebrates genocide.'](#) Please consider making a contribution to [UAINE's 2020-2021 Fundraiser.](#)

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