

## MARGARET WENTWORTH Memorial Minute

November 2, 1934 - November 2, 2022

Margaret was a dear Friend and friend who is missed. She was a life-long member of Durham Monthly Meeting of Friends and a reliable presence at Meeting activities. She was a spiritual leader, who mentored and taught others, including clerks and pastors. She knew how to pray and constantly prayed for individuals, the Meeting, and wider concerns. She encouraged us all to pray for the same every day.

Margaret reached out to people within and outside of Meeting activities. She was a great listener; even teenagers felt comfortable sharing with her. She was a teacher and librarian, and brought skills and knowledge from those vocations, putting life and character into the children's stories she told and captivating young and old alike. She taught Sunday School, helped organize and teach Vacation Bible School, and was a major force in organizing our Meeting library. She loved to sing and was in our choir whenever the choir was active.

Margaret was good-humored and optimistic. When difficult decisions had to be made in Monthly Meetings, people felt more willing to try new ways with her encouragement. Margaret served Durham Friends Meeting in many capacities, including being on the Library, Christian Education, and Nominating Committees, on Ministry and Counsel, and as a Trustee. She served for many years as our representative on the board of the Lisbon Area Christian Outreach, especially active in supporting their food pantry. For the Woman's Society, she organized our card ministry as well as a giant book sale, with proceeds going to support our own library. She kept up-to-date on the projects and programs of world-wide Friends organizations, especially Friends United Meeting, and brought prayer requests for many of those programs and workers.

Margaret attended Woodbrooke College in Birmingham, England, for a year, and this broadened her perspective of Friends beliefs and practices world-wide. She was active with Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, serving as its clerk for a time. She served the wider world of Friends, including as a cook at China Camp (now Friends Camp in China, Maine), and serving on various New England Yearly Meeting committees, as well as being its Presiding Clerk for several years.

Margaret's deep faith, generosity of spirit, and willingness to share her time and gifts remain an inspiration to all.

Margaret was born in Durham, Maine, and earned a Masters degree at Gorham State Teacher's College. She taught in local schools and was a librarian in Lewiston. She served the wider community by serving on the Durham Select Board and volunteering in many ways. Margaret is survived by her brother James Wentworth (Vera) of Ashburn, Virginia, and her niece Alexandra Wentworth, also of Ashburn. Margaret was predeceased by her parents, Horace and Lida Wentworth.

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