

Durham Monthly Meeting of Friends: Susan Wood Memorial Minute

Susan Jane McIntire Wood
March 4, 1944-September 2, 2022

As we reflect on the life of our friend and Friend Sue Wood, we remember her love and care for us. Her peaceful presence among us was characterized by her sweetness, humility, and depth of spirit. She gave generously of her gift for music, both in playing the piano and singing. She was patient playing and replaying parts as choir members learned new pieces, and she played with beauty and style. Sometimes she would adjust the pace of a hymn so that it became a prayer as well as song.

We loved to hear her bubbly giggle and appreciated her zingy wit and humor. She was often quiet, but when she spoke she could be very firm. Her incisive views were often shared in monthly meetings, as she might have a different perspective from others that had not been brought out. She served as co-clerk of the Meeting for a time and always held the Meeting in prayer.

Sue had friendships that were long lasting and deep. When she first came to Durham Meeting, in many ways it was still much like it had been for two hundred years. She found her way to becoming part of the community and then, as the meeting changed, she helped steady the change.

Sue was active on the Music Committee and with the Woman's Society. We always enjoyed meeting at her home, a dairy farm on Lunt Road where we were greeted by a variety of animals. She demonstrated quiet strength when suffering from cancer.

Sue's peaceful presence is missed by everyone who knew her.

Sue's parents were Ruth and Wilbur McIntire and she grew up in New Philadelphia, Ohio. She graduated from the University of Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, then worked as a school chorus director. After moving to Maine, she met and married Richard Wood in 1978. Sue was busy raising their sons and working at the Brunswick Veterinary Clinic. The family moved to New York in 1991, where they operated a dairy farm, and Sue played piano at several churches, becoming the regular organist at one. They returned to Maine in 2002. She was predeceased by her husband, Richard Wood, and is survived by their sons Isaac and Reeve Wood (wife Hannah Burroughs) and three grandsons.

Durham Meeting, March 17, 2024

Falmouth Quarter, April 27, 2024