

Rose Law Miller  
September 8, 1920-June 7, 2021

Rose Law Miller, a beloved and devoted Friend who shone her light of love in the world, died on June 7, 2021; she was one hundred years old. Born in Pullman, Washington, Rose was raised in the Methodist faith, and later came to Quakerism by conviction in 1960. She was a long-time dedicated member of the Radnor Friends Meeting in Villanova, Pennsylvania and was revered by those who knew her.

The decision to leave Radnor Friends and move to Kendal-at-Hanover in New Hampshire was necessitated by her husband Harry's need for long-term care. Rose had grown deeply into her Quaker faith during her time at Radnor and had immersed herself in her community there. The move to Hanover presented challenges as well as opportunities.

Rose's feelings of loss about leaving Radnor Meeting gave way to her innate joy in life and love of people. She allowed the Spirit to open her to that of God in this new spiritual context, in the people, in the interactions, and in this Meeting's journey. Rose gave herself to this opening of spirit, a gift to her and to our Meeting.

This turned out to be an immensely rich time of growing into her new faith community and in turn, being deeply treasured by these new (f)Friends. Rose became a loyal attendee at Hanover Friends Meeting where she participated fully in worship, Meeting for Worship for Business each month, planning for renovations of the Meetinghouse, and other activities. Rose found herself being loved and at the same time loving her new spiritual home. This phase of her life stretched into decades as we were blessed by her longevity.

Rose was a living testimony of the power of love to be equally present in agreement as well as in disagreement. Her honesty and tendency to be outspoken empowered her willingness to address controversy. She listened deeply, and also understood when it was best to yield to the larger sense of truth held by those present. She was influential to many in her warm, welcoming greeting and outreach to those of all ages.

As Rose settled into the community at Kendal, she became increasingly involved in various projects and activities there. She advocated for the inclusion of others and reached out to newcomers and those she did not know well. Her creativity was appreciated as she chose paintings and artwork to decorate the many hallways. In her later years, she became a faithful attendee of the Quaker Worship Group at Kendal. She served as clerk of the Worship Group for a number of years, initiated having Meetings for Business, and always warmly reached out to encourage and welcome new attendees.

Rose's many involvements with progressive political causes are a testimony to her living faith in action and her deep Quaker values, love of justice, commitment to the integrity of women, and her care for the community. She was active in the AFSC-New Hampshire Office, ACLU, Planned Parenthood, and other progressive causes. She "let her life speak" boldly in her many endeavors.

Rose loved her family and often spoke of their whereabouts and involvements. She is survived by her son Todd Miller and his wife Suzanne Gordon, her daughter, Sarah Morenon and husband Pierre, son Bruce Miller and wife, Loraine Michaelson, and five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

We miss Rose's warm, loving nature and the sparkle of light and love in her eyes. She remains close in our hearts.

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