

Fifth Day, Second Month, 2012

Newtown Friends Meeting

Memorial Minute

Alan Edwin Rogers

Newtown Meeting had the significant good fortune to have had Alan Rogers' spiritual journey lead him to the Meeting at just the right time and place. He said he knew it was the place for him after visiting the first time and hearing Kingdon Swayne's Spiritual Journey at Adult First Day Class.

Alan joined the Meeting as we were undergoing a major renovation and expansion of our facility. Among other activities, Alan joined the Building and Grounds committee and soon proved to be invaluable in drawing from his engineering background, his past involvement with another church which had a building project and in providing his wise, orderly approach to business practices.

Alan led the committee through the "punch list" phase of the project making sure that each item was completely done and then helped develop our policies on the use of the new space. He tried very hard to develop a formal committee handbook so that those serving on the Building and Grounds committee in the future would have guidance in the routine jobs that came with maintaining an old building and the grounds around it.

Alan also served on the Finance Committee where he encouraged timely investments in international funds and had many discussions with the controller concerning checks and balances of the bill paying process. This was especially helpful during the extremely busy days of our building expansion. As always, he sought to have a consistent process in place.

Alan shared his life story when he presented his Spiritual Journey to the Adult First Day School class, part of a series given by various members of the Meeting community. He gave us a great appreciation for the journey he made from a modest upbringing in a town in England, through Oxford University and a career with Mobil Oil that ultimately brought him and Traude to the Newtown area.

Alan Rogers brought to Newtown Friends Meeting a kindred spirit, a different perspective, and unique skills and talent. He was a valued member of our Newtown Friends Meeting spiritual community and his passing produces a real sense of loss.

Joe Evans, Clerk, Newtown Friends Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends