

Memorial Minute for Betsy Appelbaum

On 10th month 30th, Newtown Meeting lost its beloved Elisabeth Bowler Appelbaum.

She was born on 9th month 29th, 1927 in New York City to Henry and Helen Bowler, graduated from Bucknell University in 1948 and Smith College in 1949, married Robert Appelbaum in 1949, and joined the Society of Friends in 1956.

She is survived by her husband, four children, Lorraine, Patricia, Alan and Martha and three grandchildren.

Betsy served Newtown Meeting on many Meeting committees, as Meeting clerk, Newtown Meeting representative to Yearly Meeting Representative Committee and clerk of Newtown Friends School Committee. For years Betsy welcomed the youngest children to First Day School, and their parents remember fondly her playful and nurturing attention.

In accordance with her wishes, and in keeping with her love of children, her ashes have been interred in the Newtown Meeting burial ground, close to the playground in the Meeting yard where the Meeting children play.