

Mary Lou

Memorial Minute for Marion Wright Elwell
(January 15, 1914 to June 7, 1999)

Marion Elwell was a devoted Friend and an active member in Newtown Monthly Meeting. After her family, the Meeting seemed to be paramount in her life. She was a regular attender, usually walking to worship services, served on committees, and came to most of the social activities. She was on the Nominating Committee at the time of her death.

Marion was in some ways a complicated person in that she appeared to have a variety of demeanors. At times she seemed indecisive and at other times determined, of average intelligence and often times brilliant.

Marion and her husband who was an Air Force pilot had a son David and a daughter Abbie. Unfortunately her husband was killed in World War II when the children were small. Marion's mother, Eleanor Wright, lived with her for many years.

Marion was close to son David and his wife and three daughters and Abbie and her husband and two daughters. Abbie and her daughters were with Marion at her apartment when she died.

Some highlights in her life were her time at George School and her trip to Europe before she was married. Her parents took her with them when her father was attending an International Town Planning Conference In Vienna, Austria.. After she graduated from George School they "were in Berlin during the darkest months of 1932-33. My father had a grant to study housing there."

Until a few months before she died at age 86 Marion lived independently, carried on her usual activities, and kept in touch with her immediate family and other relatives.