

Memorial Minute

Nancy McFeely

1907 - 2004

Nancy Watson McFeely died on Tuesday, January 6, 2004 at the age of 96. She was born in Trenton, TN and raised in Memphis surrounded by a strong and loving family. She and her two brothers and two sisters were encouraged to live up to high ideals and values. They all learned these lessons well.

Nancy was a Girl Scout, camp counselor and Sea Scout. She earned the prestigious Golden Eaglet Award.

She attended Peabody College in Nashville, TN and worked as a physiotherapist in Warm Springs, GA, founded by Franklin Roosevelt during the polio epidemic of the 1920's, where she met her future husband, Richard H. McFeely who was a patient at the facility.

The McFeelys moved to George School in 1931 where they remained until retirement, with the exception of three years at Friends Central School in Philadelphia. Nancy was a perfect example of the supportive wife of first a faculty member, and then headmaster, "Mr. Dick".

When Nancy married and left TN, she promised her family that she would return home for a visit at least once a year, which she always did and fully enjoyed these occasions.

Nancy and Dick joined Newtown Monthly Meeting in 1934 and became active members. Nancy served on numerous committees and was an influential member of the Meetings's Women's Group, which aside from being a social event, the members worked hard to make money in order to beautify the Meetinghouse. One of the biggest accomplishments was raising money to have new bench cushions made.

Nancy was a founding member of the Handweavers of Bucks County and a master of her craft of hand weaving and spinning.

Always an excellent communicator, Nancy could easily express herself in a firm but polite manner. We will always remember her as a perfect lady in all respects who always said just the right thing in her soft voice. Her foresight, wisdom and determination to enjoy life and never stop learning sets an example for all of us who knew and loved her. We will miss her presence, but she will live among us through her children, Richard McFeely and Marjorie Burton and their spouses, her six grandchildren and twelve great-grand children. Nancy McFeely will always be in our hearts.

Mary S. Nystrom