

Newtown Monthly Meeting

Memorial Minute for Mildred M. Stapler

Mildred M. Stapler passed away at Pennswood after a long illness. She was a lifelong member of the Religious Society of Friends. Her parents Griffin and Mary Miller moved to this vicinity in 1914 and established a grocery business in Newtown. Their daughters Mildred and Elizabeth attended George School. They soon transferred their membership from Brooklyn Meeting to Newtown. All were active in Meeting and First Day School.

After graduating from George School Mildred married Robert K. Stapler, a birthright member of the Religious Society of Friends, in 1921. They were blessed with three daughters, Ruth, Mary and Esther. It was truly a family-centered home with lots of loving guidance and understanding. All their lives they were an important part of the community in which they lived and kept an active interest in Meeting affairs. Mildred had a beautiful soprano voice and gave generously of her talent to her friends. When Bob died in 1973 the girls had already been happily married for some time. With their moral support, Mildred carried on courageously alone.

The last several years Mildred had been physically handicapped, and during the last few, bedridden. Although she could no longer take an active part, she never lost her interest in all that went on. All who knew her appreciated her understanding, integrity, sense of humor and zest for living. Those who cared for her in her illness loved her and served her every need with gladness. Friends who visited her received more than they gave. Her memory will always live in the hearts and lives of those she touched.

- Lucretia M. K. Mammel