Newtown Monthly Meeting

to Ann Woodman, Clerk -

Memorial Minute - For G. Colbert Thomas -
May 26, 1911 - November 10, 1990

George Colbert Thomas, known to all of his friends as "Coley", was a valued member of Newtown Monthly Meeting and of the Religious Society of Friends to which he belonged since 1936, first belonging to Montclair, N.J., then Arlington, Mass. His membership at Newtown spanned thirty-seven years, though for five years from 1965 to 1970, he was a member of Westfield Meeting when he lived with his family in Riverton, N.J. During all the time he was associated with Newtown Meeting he shared in the life of the Meeting serving in many capacities. He was active on several committees, almost all of them at one time or another. His leadership as Assistant Clerk and Clerk on the Finance Committee and Worship and Ministry was exemplary. Coley Thomas continued his participation in Quaker business in both quarterly and yearly Meeting, giving diligently of his time to the Friends Home of Bucks
Quarter and Friends Village and Co-Chairing the Combined Appeal of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

His friendliness and friendship will be remembered by all Meeting members. He was fond of quoting about Ben Adam and said that like Adam he loved his fellow man. It was evident in all of his relationships.

He and his wife, the late Dorothy Lightfoot Thomas made their home a haven of love and friendship. They offered hospitality to many people around the world. They kept close to their friends over the years, making a circle of friendship that included them all.

Their parenting of their three sons with love and wisdom was notable.

Coley Thomas gave much of himself to his friends and his Meeting as long as he was able. Newtown Meeting is grateful for his life.

Ella R. Gilto