

Minute of Remembrance for Nancy Gideon Clark

May 16, 1932 – January 21, 2023

Celo Friends Meeting

Nancy Gideon Clark died January 21, 2023, at Broadmead Quaker Retirement Community in Maryland. She is survived by her husband Herb and children Rebecca, Cathy and Paul.

Nancy was a lifelong member of the Religious Society of Friends and was a member of Homewood Friends Meeting in Baltimore. She was a graduate of Moorestown Friends School, Wilmington College in Ohio, and she earned a graduate degree in social work from Loyola College in Baltimore. Herb and Nancy adopted four children. Nancy spent most of her professional life assisting unwed mothers, unhoused persons and chronically mentally ill women in the Baltimore area.

In 1991, Nancy and Herb built a cabin in Celo, NC, where they lived for a few months every year before returning to Baltimore. She attended Celo Friends Meeting and was a very active attender, including as a sojourning member of Ministry and Care. She also led consensus workshops for staff members at Arthur Morgan School. Nancy attended SAYMA Yearly Meeting for several years and always attended the Women's Meeting for Worship.

Nancy loved to swim in the South Toe River and be outside in nature. She and Herb hosted many friends from Baltimore and North Carolina at their cabin. They sold their cabin in 2015 when they moved to Broadmead Retirement Community and were greatly missed by Friends when they were no longer able to come to the mountains. As a Quaker, Nancy believed wholeheartedly in civil rights, women's rights, and all the Quaker values for which she tirelessly advocated throughout her life. She believed our work and service is the love of God working through us.