

Memorial Minute for Etta Ruth Weigel (? – Aug 12, 2014)

Our dear friend, Etta Ruth Weigel, died last August 12, 2014. She had been a founding resident of Kendal at Oberlin and a faithful worshipper in the Oberlin Friends Meeting for more than 20 years.

Etta Ruth was an active traveler, poet, writer, and patron of the arts. Family always came first for her. She had three children, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Her face lit up whenever they visited her.

Etta Ruth attended West Virginia Wesleyan College, and graduated from Oberlin College with an English Literature degree. Her graduate work at Columbia University gave her an M.S. in Journalism.

Etta Ruth worked as a part-time music critic for several papers, edited a weekly poetry column, and volunteered in many local organizations, including the League of Women Voters and the Rochester NY Philharmonic Orchestra Board. She was also an active participant in modern dance. Etta Ruth's poetry was published in small press journals and anthologies, and in her book, *Meltwater*.

Etta Ruth's beliefs evolved over time: she was born into a Presbyterian family and became a convinced Friend after many years of attending Quaker worship. She was active in service to her community, as an advocate for peace and social justice. Etta Ruth had a deep appreciation for the natural world as well. She enjoyed hiking, gardening, and birding, and had a special fondness for the wetlands around Oberlin. We will miss her many artistic joys and talents.