

Memorial Minute for Robert Coan
(? – June 26, 2014)

Robert (Bob) Coan, a birthright Friend from Solebury Meeting in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, died on June 26, 2014, in Oberlin, Ohio. Bob lived with his wife, Cynthia, at Kendal at Oberlin retirement community for the last 16 years. As her health declined, Bob was devoted to Cynthia's care. He was a faithful member of the Oberlin Friends Meeting.

A practical man with a quiet sense of humor, Bob was active in the Oberlin community and Friends Meeting. For example, he designed and made the wooden sign announcing the location of Meeting for Worship and made sure it was posted every Sunday morning outside the College's Religious Life Center. He attended Oberlin City Council meetings as an observer, and was a member of Kendal's Safety and Finance Committees, among other activities.

Bob preferred to work behind the scenes rather than in a more public, vocal style. Despite his own health limitations, he offered help to the Friends Meeting in all manner of ways, and his actions reflected his deep Quaker roots. He is greatly missed.