

Memorial Minute for Nancy Lee

(5/28/1926 – 3/28/2019)

Nancy Lee was born Nancy Eutsler Furry in Harrisonburg, Virginia on May 28, 1926. She was very thankful to have had the opportunity to attend Berea College in Kentucky where she earned a degree in mathematics. In Michigan, she and her husband Norris raised two daughters, Jennie Stinson (husband; John) who lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan and Debbie Powers (husband; Bill) who lives in Richmond, Virginia. She loved being with her three grandchildren, Laura, Jeff and Stephanie, and was amazed to become a “great gramma” to four. She was active with the ACLU and the AFSC in Ann Arbor. She was an exercise swimmer, a gardener (she especially loved chrysanthemums, and composting gave her yard great soil), and a birdwatcher, enjoying the spring warbler migration and participating in the Christmas Bird Count at Point Pelee. She delivered for Meals on Wheels, driving around with coolers in the back of her car. We remember her sense of humor, which often had a well-timed edge, and her keen interest in books — she was a regular patron at the Birmingham Library —, ideas and current events. She had an unceasing fondness for chocolate and delighted in the antics of her cat, Stretch. Generally, she liked laughing at cats in cartoons, on cards and in books.

She was an early and active attender of Birmingham Monthly Meeting for decades, serving as Treasurer (six years) and Recording Clerk, and on numerous committees. Nancy loved to say that one of the reasons she joined Meeting was because of our dress code. She became a Member of Meeting on May 20, 2018. That spring, she discussed with us her path to Quakerism. Nancy Lee passed away on March 28, 2019, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, just short of her ninety-third birthday.