

Memorial Minute for Douglas Henry Howe (Kalamazoo)

October 15, 1937 – November 23, 2024

Douglas Henry Howe died of complications from cancer on November 23, 2024, at Kalamazoo, Michigan. He was born on October 15, 1937, in Ogden, Utah to Melvin Orville Howe and Ruth Coombs Howe. He grew up in West Carleton, Ohio.

Doug is survived by his beloved best friend and wife of 21 years, Flo Friender; his daughters Laura Lee, of Portage, Michigan, Rita (John) Schweiss, of St. Paul, Minnesota, step daughters Margie Roth, of Paonia, Colorado, Rebecca Fortes, of Cranston, Rhode Island, and Ruth Figgins, of Kalamazoo.

He attended Western Michigan University, in Kalamazoo, receiving his master's in electrical engineering. His main careers were Chief Recording Engineer at Western Michigan University and teaching Electronics and Math at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. He loved riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle, traveling by (or just watching) trains, foreign films, and music.

While Doug did not consider himself a Quaker, he called himself a Quaker groupie, and grew in appreciation of Quaker values and beliefs. He regularly attended the Kalamazoo Friends monthly men's breakfast group meetings.

With Flo, he was a regular attender at Annual Meeting for Lake Erie Yearly Meeting and Friends General Conference. He is missed by many of us.