

Memorial Minute for Marjorie E. Nelson Perisho (Athens)
June 24, 1939 – December 29, 2022

Marge Nelson (Perisho) moved to Athens in the fall of 1977 and joined with Friends already living there and with a few other new arrivals to begin weekly meetings for worship at the home of Margaret and William Hummon. As a committed Christian and Quaker, her experience as a peace activist and physician played an important role in the growth and maturation of what became the Athens Friends Meeting. Marjorie's insistence on following good Quaker process as the Meeting was being

established helped us find acceptable common ground for our work together.

Marjorie was an inspiration and a blessing to many people during her life. She cared deeply about young people. She was involved in the Athens Peace Prize, an art and writing competition for area young people to express their concerns and hopes for the world in which they found themselves. She led education sessions for young people in the Meeting on sexuality and human relationships. She hosted foreign students in her home. She loved to share life and laughter with others in the Meeting and elsewhere.

In 2011, following her retirement from the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, she left Athens and moved to the Foxdale Retirement Community in State College, Pennsylvania, where she became part of the State College Friends Meeting until her death on December 29, 2022.