

Obituary for Anne (Witting) Kuhn (Pittsburgh)

July 22, 1946 – August 31, 2019

Anne Kuhn, a longtime member of Pittsburgh Friends Meeting, died on August 31, 2019, at the age of 73. She was born July 22, 1946, in New York, New York, and was survived by her husband of 53 years, James C. Kuhn, III; their three children, James C. Kuhn, IV (Ruth) of Austin, Texas, Katherine K. Rolland (Greg) of Easthampton, Massachusetts, and Daniel W. Kuhn (Aasta) of Natrona, Pennsylvania; and their respective children, Aaron J. Kuhn (Joanna), Sarah R. Rolland, Charlotte S. Rolland, Daisy G. Rolland, Sam W. Kuhn, and Nora A. Kuhn; her sister, Nancy Witting (Charles Myer); her brothers, Leland Witting (Charlene) and Chris Witting, Jr.; her stepmother, Marshia Witting; and many loving friends and extended family members, as well as her dog, Petey.

Anne attended Winchester Thurston School, excelling in academics and sports. Initially a student at Vassar College, she graduated *cum laude* from Bryn Mawr College in 1970, after which she moved to Pittsburgh and established herself as an artist. Her major work, in stained glass, is installed in many local homes in the city, as well as at Kennywood Park.

She taught yoga for a number of years and was active in the Pittsburgh Friends Meeting First Day School. She loved to garden, and plants thrived under her touch; she grew and sold ornamental grasses for several years.

Anne's love of travel began in her childhood with a trip to Europe with her siblings and her mom. She enjoyed vacations in Maine, Captiva Island, Florida, Paw Paw, West Virginia, and numerous other locales. Most recently, she enjoyed several Caribbean cruises with her dear friend, Shirley Gleditsch. Her favorite place by far was Kemah Lake, New Jersey, where she and her family and friends spent many vacations sailing and kayaking. Forty years ago, Anne first got involved with the Pittsburgh Peace Institute, an organization committed to teaching non-violent solutions to youth and adults. She later worked with Pennsylvania Peace Links, which exercised citizen diplomacy, most notably with Russia and China. Peace Links was recognized as an accredited Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) by the United Nations, and a delegation from Pennsylvania Peace Links attended the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China, on September 4–15, 1995. Anne traveled with Peace Links to China and The Hague, hosted Chinese delegations to the U.S., and served as president of Pennsylvania Peace Links until its dissolution in 2007. In 1991, she joined a peaceful demonstration at the Nevada Nuclear Test Site in support of the international Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Movement. For a number of years and at the time of her death, she was a member of the Board of Directors of the Thomas Merton Center of Pittsburgh.

Anne was a caring mother and grandmother. She had a warmth and sympathy for all, together with a sharp wit and an energy for peace and social justice all her life. Anne's creative legacy lives on in the artistic expressions of her children and grandchildren. Because of the ongoing construction at the Pittsburgh Friends Meetinghouse, her memorial service was held at the nearby Winchester Thurston School.

Memories of Doris Loll (Manitou Worship Group)

October 16, 1928 – August 30, 2020

Memories of three Friends at Manitou Worship Group

I met Doris Loll through her daughter, my friend DeAnne. Doris moved up to our county from the Detroit area in 1995 to be near DeAnne, a few months after undergoing a triple bypass operation, when she was in her mid-60s. Soon thereafter she began attending our Friends worship group. Though she was not familiar with Friends, she felt drawn to our way of worship. We sing before our silent time, and Doris really liked that. Her father was from a Russian Orthodox family. Doris took her own children to a Lutheran church when they were growing up, but found Friends' silence to be very comfortable for her. She and I often drove to meeting together, and enjoyed hearing each other's stories. Doris had a lively, sparkly personality that shone through sparkling eyes. Since the pandemic quarantine, Doris was confined to the assisted living facility where she had moved last fall, and not allowed visitors. We were only able to visit by phone, and Doris and I would open our Friends Hymnals and sing several hymns together over the phone. Doris always said that was a highlight of her day. When her health deteriorated in the last couple of months, her daughter was able to take her out to appointments (and a bit of sightseeing on the way!), and after she was on hospice, her family could come and be with her in her room at the facility. The Threshold Choir that DeAnne and I sing in (now on Zoom) was able to sing for Doris, outside her window and over the phone, shortly before she died. She passed on Sunday, August 30, at the age of 91.

~ Penny Herd

I have known Doris Loll only for the last eight years of her life. She welcomed me and other (relatively new) attenders at Sunday meetings, which were held at her house in the winter months. As a teacher and mentor in my community, I often brought young people to our worship group meetings. Doris was especially interested and delighted in our young visitors. She shared with them some of her adventures, her love of singing, some of her writing, and some of her clothes! Although we will miss her, Doris was ready to move on to her next adventure!

~ M. E. Newport

Doris and I met at Friends Meeting. She brought a special light to all of us. She was proud of the homes she had lived in and renovated. Her

thumb must have been as green as her many plants. She would ask me over when she needed carpentry done and tell me about her life – which she obviously examined critically. She prepared for her next stage by getting rid of what she no longer needed. She helped others when and where she could. She is a model for us all.

~ Robert Foulkes