

Elayne Mayo Bundy

10 September 1922 – 21 January 2010

Friend Elayne Bundy faithfully worshipped at the Friends Meeting of Washington for nearly twenty-five years with her husband Frank and her six children. She served on the Nominating, Marriage and Family Relations, and Mary Jane Simpson Scholarship Committees. Her quiet and gentle presence was best captured in a 1988 minute of the Marriage and Family Relations Committee: "On each Sunday afternoon when [the] Meeting . . . holds its Monthly Meeting for Business, Elayne Bundy has quietly taken on the responsibility of babysitting for the young children of our members . . . Nearly always, she has undertaken this voluntary task herself, capably, lovingly, with care and patience and a smile."

Elayne (nee Mayo) was raised in Pennsylvania, where she married Frank in 1943. They and their children joined the Religious Society of Friends as members of Gwynedd [Pennsylvania] Monthly Meeting in 1954. Moving to Silver Spring, Maryland, in 1985 they transferred their membership here that May. Frank retired in 1971 and the family spent a year living in Ethiopia. She brought her grandchildren to Meeting and to many FMW activities over the years.

Elayne never fully recovered from the sadness of Frank's death in 1997, and her attendance at our Meeting gradually diminished. In her last years she suffered from pneumonia and other debilities, faithfully supported by her children and Friends from this Meeting. She died in 2010 and her memorial service was held here the following week.