

**JAMES ERNEST FORSYTHE**  
**11-25-1904 to 10-30-1981**

To remember James E. Forsythe who died December 30, 1981 is to remember a man of many talents. "JEF," as he was known to his friends, was born in Media, Pennsylvania in 1904 of Quaker parentage. He was a birthright Quaker educated at Westtown School and Earlham College and was a truly "convinced" Friend.

In 1931 JEF went to Switzerland where he taught at the International School in Geneva. Here he met and married his wife, Anne, and together they became wardens of the International Student Hostel, touching the lives of many displaced persons from Nazi Germany.

JEF is especially remembered as a teacher of English at Sidwell Friends School from 1944 to his retirement in 1970. Here he was able to reveal his wit, wisdom and scholarship, and he was loved by both teachers and students whose minds were opened through his inimitable approach to literature.

Shortly before retirement, JEF and Anne built a cottage on Friends House grounds in Sandy Spring, Maryland, where for twelve years they enjoyed a community of retired friends and added much to the happiness of their neighbors. JEF, always a connoisseur in the art of cooking, exercised his talents in this art, along with gardening, repairing antiques and especially caning chairs and framing pictures. These activities were some of his contributions to his many friends.

Most of all, we remember his conversation and wit, some of which left us pondering for a long time.

JEF's devotion to and enjoyment of his family rounded out a complete life. He was 77 years of age on his death.