

PHYLLIS ANNA DUNCAN
3-11-1893 to 6-24-1980

The phrase *Let your lives speak* seems to apply to Phyllis Duncan, who died June 24, 1980 at the age of 87.

Phyllis was a quiet, unassuming person who did not flaunt her religious convictions, but one easily felt her strength by the way she lived. Born of a Scottish Presbyterian family, Phyllis lived in Canada as a younger person and always returned to her beloved Canada for the summer. She spoke lovingly of her family, and she must have had a warm and gentle upbringing.

Although she was an affiliated member of our Meeting for a long time, Friends Peace Testimony and Racial and Social concerns drew her closer to Meeting activities, and she became a full member. Phyllis and her husband, John, lived in Missouri for a short time in 1943. While there, she joined the sewing group of the local Quaker Meeting as she had previously joined the Florida Avenue sewing group when she lived in Washington. She also helped start a library for young people, both black and white, and it gave her great pleasure to see how the two races mingled and enjoyed each other.

Phyllis was unable to attend our Meetings in recent years due to failing health, but she remained a loving and interested mother and grandmother and was loyal to her friends even though she could not participate in their activities.

Phyllis Duncan was strong in her convictions and steadfast to the end in her own quiet and gentle way.