

RUTH ELIZABETH JEROME TERRY
3-28-1907 to 5-8-1978

Ruth Terry, an active member of the Friends Meeting of Washington, was always deeply concerned about social issues.

An early supporter of the cooperative movement, she initiated a consumer buying club in her own home which later played an important part in the development of the Consumer Cooperative food stores in the Washington area.

She was also ahead of her time in her concern about the quality of food, advocating natural foods and special diets.

At the end of World War II, Ruth and Harry Terry became concerned about the plight of child refugees in Europe and decided to adopt one of them. To accomplish this they surmounted many obstacles.

When cable television was under consideration in the Washington area, Ruth took every step she could to preserve the rights of the average viewer in its development.

Ruth Terry's voice was always to be heard upholding the causes she felt to be right and in the common good.

She and Harry were also deeply concerned about the cause of peace and with the closely related problems of international and interracial harmony. To this end they maintained for a dozen years on 19th Street a residential center for persons from abroad and from varied ethnic backgrounds in the USA. They enjoyed the cooperation in this venture of International Student House, the World Bank, several members of the Friends Meeting, and other agencies. The purpose was to create a setting for closer friendships and understanding than is possible in the larger centers, and to promote contact between visitors from abroad and a representative group of Americans, including those of minority background.

Ruth served the Meeting in many ways. She was a member of the office staff for a time while Herbert Hadley was Meeting Secretary. More recently, despite increasing physical limitations, Ruth served on the Quaker House Committee, contributing many valuable insights.

All who knew her were enriched by Ruth's radiant spirit, her interest in people and their problems, her rare sagacity for putting others at ease, and her unselfish devotion to the major concerns of Friends. She will be sorely missed and long remembered.