

Memorial Minute for William Robert Gronewald

W. Robert Gronewald was born February 21, 1939 and died December 29, 2014. He was the first born of Robert G. and Jane R. Gronewald, early members of the Friends Meeting of Washington. He joined the Meeting in 1939 as an associate member and a regular member in 1975. He is survived by his wife Deb; brothers, Martin, Albert and John Gronewald.

He grew up in the Maryland suburbs of Washington, D.C. and was educated at Olney Friends School in Barnesville, OH and Earlham College in Richmond, IN. His medical training was at the University of Chicago; Ben Taub Hospital (Baylor University) in Houston, TX; and, at Henry Ford Hospital (University of Michigan) in Detroit, MI. He served as a physician in the USAF from 1965-68 with assignment to the Panama Canal Zone and was active in Medical Civic Action. He relocated to Morristown in 1971, practicing Internal Medicine with concentration in Diabetes and Geriatrics until his retirement in 2006.

Bob Gronewald served as Chief of Medicine and Chief of Medical Staff of both Morristown Hospitals; Secretary and then President of the local Medical Society; and, as a Delegate to the Tennessee Medical Association.

He had a long-term interest in astronomy. He was a strong supporter of Friends Committee on National Legislation.

He enjoyed his computer, telling jokes, discussing politics and religion, water sports, visiting the mountains and listening to music. He enjoyed attending Mary's Chapel Church.

Memorial services were held in Morrisville, Tennessee on January 17, 2015 and at Stillwater Friends Meeting in Barnesville, OH on June 21, 2015.
