Donald Shaffer Mosholder and his wife, Mary, joined the Friends Meeting of Washington in June 1948. He was active in the Young Friends Group for several years prior to becoming a member. Before joining the Meeting he was a member of United Evangelical Church of Somerset, Pennsylvania. He taught with Mary in the First Day School at the Florida Avenue Meeting. During retirement Donald did volunteer work on archives for the Arlington, Virginia library. In recent years his illness prevented him from being an active participant in Meeting activities.

Donald was a native of Pennsylvania where he attended Geneva College for two years and then served in forestry for the Civilian Conservation Corps. He later graduated from Otterbein College. During World War II, Donald was a conscientious objector and served in alternative service camps in Maryland, Florida and Tennessee. He completed his alternative service at a mental hospital in Rockville, Maryland. After the war he moved to Washington and worked at the National Archives in the judicial and social branches. While at the National Archives he was responsible for preparing material for a national symposium on “The Law and American Society” and was a resource specialist for the historic archives at Independence Hall in Philadelphia. He is remembered by his coworkers as someone who shared his knowledge.

Throughout his active membership Donald was a quiet contributor to the life of the Monthly Meeting. His life showed the way a faithful, unassuming Friend can contribute to the Meeting. We are grateful for what we learned from his example.