

FLORENCE PARKER SWIFT
El Paso, Texas 10/16/13 - Bluffton, Indiana 3/6/90

Florence Swift became a member of Friends Meeting of Washington on January 21, 1946, after leaving Faith Presbyterian Church of Chicago, Illinois. She was married in the Meeting and served on a number of Meeting committees, as well as representative to Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

Florence's skills, zest for life, and enthusiasm for various concerns of the Meeting and of Meeting members led her to type the history of the Friends Meeting of Washington, as well as serve as an active board member of New Educational Ways, the organization which ran two inner-city libraries for children --Alley Library and Seaton Place Library.

A concern for peace was very important to Florence. She was employed from 1959 to 1979 as a secretary for the AFL-CIO in Washington, D.C., working with an associate whose specialty was disarmament.

Florence's skills in knitting, crocheting, quilting and needlepoint brightened her home and her days, both while employed and in retirement. She is also well remembered at the Ontario, her cooperative apartment house, where she graciously served as chairman of the Social Committee. In retirement, Florence returned to Bluffton, Indiana, the town in which she had spent her early years.