

MARGARET FREE STONE

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Margaret Stone, who died April 4, 1989, has left us with the realization that here is a wonderful person who has lived to the full.

Not only was she a leader amongst the early women's groups such as the Women's Trade Union League, the American Association of University Women and the Association for Childhood Education, but she also served on the Women's Joint Congressional Committee and later served as chairman of the Organized Citizen's Committee for UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund).

In spite of all these activities, Peggy, as she was known to family and friends, had time to be a mother of four children, a charming hostess and companion and wife to our beloved Friend and member of Florida Avenue Friends Meeting, Austin Stone, who died in 1969.

She was a good public speaker, her voice came over clear and strong and her thoughts were well expressed. At the memorial service for our late Friend James Forsythe at Sandy Spring Friends Meetinghouse, she told of the days he taught her children at Sidwell Friends School. She recalled that the days he taught them English were always memorable events for her as they sat around the evening dinner table, and the children told her and her husband the clever and interesting stories that "Jef" Forsythe weaved into his teaching. She had a fine relationship with her family. She was at that time close to ninety years old and living at Friends House but she did not stop contributing to the life there. She was always willing to join a group where she could participate such as the Play Reading Group. If a resident could no longer read, because of failing eyesight, Margaret became her or his eyes and read to that individual. If an evening of music or a lecture was canceled because the musician or lecturer failed to arrive, residents would make spontaneous contributions, amusing stories, limericks and songs. Margaret always contributed with her charm and grace. She was 94 years old when she left us --a beautiful gifted lady to the very end.

Since Margaret died, we have had the sad news that her daughter Cornelia James has also died. Margaret is survived by one daughter, two sons, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.