

Ann Kendall

Memorial

February 16, 1930 – September 10, 2017



In the past two weeks we have witnessed the passing of some great Quaker individuals. One, Ann Kendall has passed from the life we know to the life we all hope for. Ann Kendall was and always will be a beautiful person that I have known for almost sixty years. A Birthright Quaker, Ann was raised with the scriptures and because of that foundation, she based her life upon the truths of the Bible. I believe Ann's life can best be summed up from a verse in Galatians chapter 9. "I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings."

It is in this train of thought that I would like to write about Ann:

"Ann became all things to all people." She used her Quaker heritage in helping others with her time in order to bring out the best in people. She unconditionally loved all people. She was a very good teacher who loved her students. She brought two students home to be her very own children. Ann loved and adored her grandchildren and great grandchildren. You would often hear her telling stories about them. They were the joy of her life. She loved her husband Rick and was the perfect hostess for all of the official duties that Rick was involved in. After Rick's death, God blessed Ann with a second marriage to Sid Crane. Again, she was a devoted partner.

"Ann became all things to all people so that by all possible means some might be saved by the gospel of Jesus Christ." She reached out to individuals to pray for and encourage them in their professional and daily lives. She took people into her home to stay until they could get on their feet. Her daily prayer was that God would use her and He did in a quiet and beautiful way that was typical of her personality.

"Ann did this for the sake of the gospel so that she and others could share in its' blessings." Ann worked faithfully for Earlham College. She assumed leadership roles in Western Yearly Meeting, United Society of Friends Women International, American Friends Service Committee and Friends World Committee for Consultation. Ann's many contributions to Earlham College were recognized when she received the 2000 Distinguished Service Award. She devoted countless hours as President of the Alumni

Council, member of the Board of Trustees, Chair of the Conner Prairie Committee of the Earlham College Board and as a member of the Advisory Board of the Earlham School of Religion (ESR). Her community service in Indianapolis included Goodwill Service Guild and honorary member of the Ruth Lilly Education Center.

All of the things I have written about Ann, you are familiar with through her obituary. I just put them in reference for an outstanding life. Ann was truly a humble person who would never talk about her accolades.

One of my favorite lines from Thornton Wilder's "Our Town," is an address to a letter. This address, to me sums up what we know about our God and about the place where Ann is now. I have copied it here:

"Jane Crofut; The Crofut Farm; Grover's Corners; Sutton County; New Hampshire; United States of America; Continent of North America; Western Hemisphere; the Earth; the Solar System; the Universe; the Mind of God."

I like to think Ann is now in the presence of the mind of God.

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