

2025 Memorial Minutes Illinois Yearly Meeting

Dianne Atkinson

Dianne Atkinson grew up in Indiana and attended Purdue University, where she earned a Ph.D. in the English department. She was Director of Global Studies and Experience in the Mechanical Engineering department at Purdue. Dianne enjoyed traveling, sailing, gardening and learning languages. She raised two daughters, Carina and Maura.

After her cancer diagnosis, Dianne moved to Chicago for treatment and was warmly welcomed by the community at Evanston Friends Meeting (EFM). She was an active member of the Library Committee and often reviewed books for EFM's newsletter. Sometimes she researched well-known historical Quaker figures, and wrote about them, again published in the EFM newsletter.

Dianne enjoyed walking in the Botanic Gardens, planting flowers on her balcony, and being part of the EFM community. She felt joining EFM was “coming home.” We were blessed by her participation, and her spirit will live on.

Emma Cadbury (1920-2024)

Emma Cadbury was born in Canton (now Guangzhou) China, the middle daughter of medical missionary William Cadbury and teacher Catharine Cadbury. Her parents requested that Emma and her sisters, Jane and Catharine (Kit), be listed as birthright members of Twelfth Street Meeting in Philadelphia (now Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting). At age 15, Emma left China to attend Westtown School in Westchester, PA. In 1941, she graduated from Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania with a psychology major. She worked for a year at the Hartford Retreat for the Insane, then deciding to switch careers, enrolled in the Shady Hill School Teacher Training Course in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Emma taught kindergarten at Buckingham School, also in Cambridge, and lodged with her Uncle Henry and Aunt Lydia Cadbury. They invited Harvard students who were conscientious objectors to dinners at their home. On Thanksgiving Day 1945, Emma met Lindley Burton, a graduate student in mathematics at Harvard and a member of Minneapolis Friends Meeting. Emma and Lindley were married at Cambridge Friends Meeting on June 16, 1947.

In 1948, Emma and Lindley moved to Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, where Lindley taught math at Bryn Mawr College. Their daughters, Jane and Ann, were born there. Three years later, they settled in Lake Forest, Illinois, where Lindley became an Associate Professor of Mathematics at Lake Forest College. Emma devoted herself to raising her family, and the couple added two sons, James and Ward.

Emma and Lindley were among the nine organizing members of Lake Forest Friends Meeting. A quietly strong group of Quakers and others interested in Quakerism began worshipping in a log cabin on the Ragdale property, Lake Forest. In 1952, the Lake Forest Friends Meeting was officially formed. Emma and Lindley both transferred their membership to Lake Forest in 1952. They were consistently present and contributing spiritually to the meeting. Later on, son Ward and daughter Jane with her family became important members of the meeting.

The Burton family temporarily moved to Kew, near Melbourne, Australia, during Lindley's sabbatical year of 1967-68. Tragically, Lindley died in May 1968 while attending a mathematics

conference in Brisbane. Emma showed perseverance and courage in organizing the return trip from Australia.

Back in the United States, Emma worked for the Head Start program in Waukegan, IL, and enrolled in education courses at Lake Forest College. She and her first cousin Lloyd Cadbury renewed their friendship and on May 17, 1971, they married in Bel Air, Maryland. Lake Forest Meeting was a central focus of their lives until 1976, when they relocated to Gualala, California. They lived in a beautiful home on the Pacific coast and enjoyed watching whales from their deck. They did much traveling, including many visits to Lake Forest Friends. Sadly, Lloyd passed away in 1990. Two years later, Emma moved to Friends House Retirement Community in Sandy Spring, Maryland.

While at Sandy Spring, Emma, with a cheerful heart, volunteered in the Elephant (thrift) Shop, organized trips to the Baltimore Symphony, fed residents in the Health Center, and even sold Christmas trees when Friends House had a Christmas tree lot. Emma's kind disposition was appreciated and loved no matter what the activity.

Emma was active in both Sandy Spring Meeting and the Miller Center Worship Group on Friends House campus. For years, she served on Sandy Spring Meeting's Committee on Aging which oversaw the Miller Center Worship Group. She wheeled residents from the Health Center to the Miller Center on Sunday mornings. However, she kept her membership at Lake Forest Friends Meeting, which remained her spiritual home.

Emma's children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, many whom we know from Quaker Meeting, are Jane (Joe) Rockey, Ann (Henry) Trentman, James Burton, and Ward Burton; 5 grandchildren, Emma Trentman (Rashad Mahmood), Jonathan (Meghan) Rockey, Thomas (Allison) Trentman, William (Alexandria) Rockey, Peter (Sarah) Trentman; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Helen Rose Dickinson (1945-2024)

Helen Rose Dickinson was born in Skowhegan, Maine on February 6, 1945, the daughter of George and Ruth Brown Dickinson of Norridgewock. Helen grew up in Norridgewock, Maine, on a dairy farm. She was the fourth of seven children—two boys and five girls. She liked to note that although there was no pony, the family farm had lots of cows, working cats, dogs, sheep and pigs.

Helen attended Skowhegan High School and went on to college at the University of Maine, where she majored in biochemistry, graduating in 1967. She then pursued graduate studies at Oregon State University, where she graduated with a Ph.D. in biochemistry in 1972. Following that, she did post-doctorate work on complex carbohydrates at the Illinois Institute of Technology and on biological polymers at the Case Western Reserve in Cleveland. Helen worked in the chemistry field in Maine, northern New York, St. Louis, and the Chicago area.

Helen was an active member of The Oak Park Friends Meeting. She first attended a Friends Meeting when she was living in St. Louis. She was attracted by the style of worship, as she had a long-standing interest in meditation.

Helen's interests were varied. She was a member of Toastmasters International and also liked to paint and do photography. A number of years ago, Helen decided to take flute lessons and she subsequently joined the Triton College Community Band. While in the band, Helen met her good friend Louise. Louise was the Triton bird watching instructor and introduced Helen to birdwatching through Triton's yearly 6-week bird watching course. Helen attended the course for over 10 years.

After retirement in 2019, Helen kept fit by going on daily walks, often with a friend, around her Elmwood Park neighborhood. She particularly enjoyed seeing the birds and the enormous trees.

Helen died November 30, 2024 at Sancta Maria Nursing Facility in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She was predeceased by her parents and is survived by her brothers, Richard Dickinson of Smithfield and Frank Dickinson of Norridgewock, and her sisters, Trudy Tremblay of Orono; Colleen Dillon and

her husband William of Arlington, Texas; Lorna Bradbury and her husband Gordon of Ottertail, Minnesota; and Elizabeth Eggleston and her husband James of Cambridge, Massachusetts. In addition, she leaves twelve nieces and nephews, and fourteen grand-nieces and nephews.

Steve Durham (1947)

Steve Durham was born in Tulsa on April 7, 1947, Steve Durham lived a full and faithful life. Evanston Friends Meeting was gifted with some of his later years. Steve was drawn to ministry in many forms. He graduated from the University of Missouri, McCormick Theological Seminary, and received his PhD from Chicago Theological Union in 1985. Along the way he studied journalism at the University of Missouri, married his cherished wife, Jan, and loved the three children they raised and the grandchildren as they came along. For a while, they lived at Reba Place, the Mennonite community in Evanston.

Steve was ordained by the Presbyterian Church and served several parishes, including Northminster in Evanston. As a pastor, he enjoyed preaching and teaching. He also followed a calling to minister to Salvadorans, founding Centro Romero, a social services organization in Chicago that continues to offer legal services, women's programs, and youth services. The center was named for Archbishop Oscar Romero, a priest in El Salvador who was assassinated while celebrating mass by one who couldn't abide his ministries of peace and standing injustice. Steve took groups of concerned persons to El Salvador to learn more about this work. He taught himself Spanish to make this possible! He surrendered his ordination and became a member of the American Orthodox Church upon leaving the professional ministry. While nourished by their liturgy, he eventually left and became a member of Evanston Meeting where he served on both the Library Committee and the Pastoral Care Committee, offered several illuminating Bible studies for Meetings for Learning, and was a member of a spiritual development group.

He never left ministry. He served for several years as a Chaplain for the Evanston Police Department, a role in which he wrote weekly brief messages he delivered at roll calls. As Fr. Bob Oldershaw (another EPD Chaplain) noted "Steve wrote moving meditations and prayers in which he shared both his faith and his own deep fears that touched into the deep, daily concerns of the officers." When it was suggested that these might come together in a helpful booklet for other police officers, he confessed that he threw them out once he had delivered them...although some appeared in Evanston Meeting newsletters.

Steve was a writer. In 2021, *The Thousand Secrets of the Tishomingo Hotel*, a work of historical fiction he labored over for 25 years, was finally published. It tells the story of the infamous Tulsa Race Riot of 1921, investing this great injustice with characters who lived, suffered, and comforted one another during that time.

Steve's life was vividly faithful although often difficult during his final years. No matter what, he prayed, hoped, and served as his body permitted, living out the words in Micah 6:8, "he has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." His time with Evanston Friends Meeting was a gift.

Carolyn Hanna Haines (1939-2024)

Carolyn Hanna Haines was born February 19, 1939 in Worcester, Massachusetts and grew up in a Swedish family. She passed away November 26, 2024 in Urbana, Illinois. She received a BA in 1961 from Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana where she sang in the Concert Choir and also met her future husband, Charlie Haines. Singing and a love for music would be lifelong passions. Earlham

College had a profound impact on Carolyn; it is where she established relationships and where values were instilled that guided both her friendships and her work throughout her lifetime.

Carolyn and Charlie were married in 1961. While Charlie earned a PhD from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Carolyn stayed home, raising two daughters, Marie (1964) and Karen (1967). A teaching job for Charlie at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) brought them to the Rochester, New York area in 1971. That move prompted Carolyn to begin to look for work outside the home. After a few years working part-time as a swim teacher and with a landscaper, Carolyn decided to pursue a Masters Degree in Human Resources. She earned her degree and worked for Taylor Instruments Company in Employee Relations. At the time, Taylor Instruments relied heavily on an immigrant Laotian population for its labor. Carolyn was highly successful at this work, in part because of her deep caring for others. A highlight was being invited to a Laotian wedding.

When there were layoffs, she was let go as she was not a “head of a household.” Being laid off for being a woman was a very painful thing for her. She then shifted gears and for the next thirteen years worked in fundraising for RIT, Sonnenberg Gardens, and Genesee Country Village & Museum. She also volunteered on numerous boards, utilizing both her fundraising and horticultural experience.

All the while, Carolyn pursued many creative interests, making beautiful quilts and wall hangings and knitting sweaters, but in the garden was where she wanted to be. Her gardens were well-known and appeared in books and magazines. She lectured on diverse gardening topics for over thirty years, and she ran her own award-winning garden design business for eight years. She believed strongly in the connection between gardens and the environment. Her gardens were always designed to invite and feed as many natural visitors as possible. She relished in watching birds, butterflies, bees, frogs and others interacting with her gardens. Carolyn loved being around animals, especially horses, which she enjoyed riding most of her life.

She and Charlie began visiting Sanibel, Florida in the early 1990s. The natural beauty of the island and restrictive building codes kept them coming back year after year. After Hurricane Charlie in 2004, Carolyn worked with local landscapers to establish native horticulture at their condo association. As a testament to that work, many of the plantings she worked to establish came back after Hurricane Ian in 2022, as did the tortoise that lives there.

While Carolyn did attend Meeting for Worship and became a member with her family, she always struggled with religion. She cared deeply about people and relationships, keeping in touch with friends and family throughout the United States. She worked hard to lift others up and share her gardens and her knowledge of horticulture with anyone who might be interested.

Thomas K. Jager (1936-2025)

Thomas K. Jager, long time attender of Evanston Friends Meeting, beloved husband, father, and grandfather, died on January 10, 2025, at the age of 89. He is survived by his wife Judith J. Jager (member, Evanston Friends Meeting), children Katharine Jager-Rubinson (husband, Claude Jager-Rubinson) (member, Live Oak Friends Meeting, Houston) and Thomas C. Jager-Zaino (wife, Amber Jager-Zaino), and grandchildren Thomas W. and Griffin W. Jager Cash (members, Live Oak Friends Meeting, Houston), Jude Jager-Rubinson, Bridget Jager-Zaino, and Thalia Jager-Zaino.

Tom and Judy Jager were married under the care of Northside Monthly Meeting, June 29, 1968, and brought up their children in Evanston in both Northside Monthly Meeting and Evanston Friends Meeting. A graduate of Fenger High School, Blackburn College (BA, history), and Northwestern University (MA, film studies), he was also a Peace Corps veteran and served in the West African country of Ghana from 1962-1964, where he attended the funeral W.E.B. DuBois. His service in the Peace Corps changed the trajectory of his career, and he became a social worker, directing the Des Plaines Valley Community Center outpost of Hull House (now Pillars Community Health) from 1968-1980 and then

the Evanston United Way from 1980-2005. He co-founded the Evanston Community Foundation in 1986, as well as Evanston's Connections for the Homeless.

Tom lost his father at the age of 3 and grew up in the West Pullman/Roseland neighborhood on Chicago's far south side, attending West Pullman Methodist church as a child. His mother, Louise, sent him on weekends to his grandmother Jager's truck farm, where he grew up with his many aunts and uncles, and his favorite cousin Arlene. He surrounded himself with devoutly religious people, from his closest friend from the Peace Corps, Reverend Paul Goranson, to his brother, John Braglia. He considered Evanston Friends Meeting and the Evanston United Way his community. He hated the public performance of generosity, preferring to privately devote his working life to helping the needy. His spiritual life was fed by summers, begun during his childhood, spent in Lake Lauzon, Ontario. Initially begun by his parents and then deepened by summer visits with his favorite aunt, Kitty, he loved spending "good times in Canada" with his children and grandchildren in the cabin that he and Judy built on Lot 17—being in the woods, swimming in the lake, taking boat rides, going fishing, and berry picking.

Paulette J. Leonard (1940-2025)

Paulette J. Leonard was born November 10, 1940, in Chicago, Illinois, the daughter of George and Irene Leonard. She grew up in Venetian Village, Illinois with her two older sisters Jeannine and Cynthia and her twin sister Nannette. She earned her doctorate in Philosophy from the University of Illinois – Chicago. She taught psychology for many years at the University of Central Arkansas – Conway, was a practicing psychologist in Missouri and Arkansas, and taught in Germany.

Paulette became a member of the Upper Fox Valley Friends Meeting in 2010. A deeply private person, when applying for membership, Paulette did not want to have a committee for clearness. The Care and Counsel committee sat with her a few times to talk through what a committee might ask and might share. At the end, they realized that the committee had performed the same role as a committee for clearness, so they recommended that Upper Fox Valley welcome her as a Friend. She was well pleased. She often provided queries and helped with setup and cleanup for meeting for worship. Paulette later moved closer to Lake Forest Friends Meeting, and she transferred her membership there in 2018.

Paulette was an avid reader and greatly appreciated nature and quietness. She loved to travel, enjoyed classical music, was a faithful letter-writer to her friends, and loved her many cats over the years. She is sorely missed.

Dorothy Neumann (1935-2024)

Dorothy Neumann was born in Melrose Park, Illinois in 1935. She died on December 4, 2024 in Urbana. Dorothy's parents were not religious, and she had no recollection of a spiritual life in her childhood or teenage years. During college, she attended the Methodist Church with friends. One of her teachers, a Catholic, was very influential, leading Dorothy to the works of Thomas Merton and Theresa of Avila.

With her husband, Dorothy had four children in four years. He had been raised Catholic, but he had already lapsed by the time he and Dorothy married; she did likewise. She attended no church for eight years thereafter, but during that time she read C. S. Lewis's *Screwtape Letters* and Hannah Whitall Smith's *The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life*. (Hannah Whitall had been a birthright Quaker; she later helped found the Woman's Christian Temperance Union).

By the 1970s, Dorothy's teenage daughters looked forward to shopping trips to Lincoln Square in Urbana. En route, they passed the Urbana-Champaign Friends Meetinghouse on Green Street.

Dorothy knew Marion Freeman (who resided upstairs at the time), but she had no particularly compelling reason to visit a meeting for worship. When she did so, Ken Southwood greeted her by explaining, “It looks like nothing is going on, but really there is.” Dorothy was influenced by Eknath Easwaran's book *Meditation*, and she tried to set aside time every day to meditate.

During one four-year period, Dorothy found herself consumed by rage. She read *Being Peace*, by Thich Nhat Hanh (Father of Mindfulness): “Life is both dreadful and wonderful. To practice meditation is to be in touch with both aspects.” Dorothy once told a group of U-C Friends about standing on a mountaintop, saying in one breath, “I am so insignificant—and I am so significant.”

Explaining her commitment to teaching English as a Second Language classes (Urbana Adult Education), Dorothy said, “God handed me a job.” The diversity of beliefs and cultures among her students attracted her, and she did her best to help them advance. In retirement, Dorothy continued her mission to educate by volunteering at Books to Prisoners. She and another volunteer were appalled at the lack of quality educational donations. (People with the wherewithal to donate books typically already possess higher educations.) In 2020, when COVID was arriving, Dorothy and her friend purchased and donated the first large batch of GED Prep books. When prisoners discovered that their requests were suddenly resulting in such high-quality responses, these books flew off the shelves. Other funding sources later assumed responsibility, continuing this potentially life-changing initiative.

When COVID prevented indoor worship, Dorothy was among those who brought lawn chairs and gathered under the shade of large trees on the meetinghouse grounds during good weather. Her declining health eventually prevented her from attending in person.

Phyllis Mack Reynolds (1938-2025)

Phyllis Mack Reynolds was born on September 20, 1938 in Louisville, Kentucky to Grace Melinda Smith and John Keller Mack. Exactly three years, three months, and three days later, her identical twin brothers, Richard and David, were born. Phyllis translated the twins’ early language for her parents.

With a pediatrician father, and a social worker mother, Phyllis was led into healthcare. Choosing nursing, she graduated from Ravenswood Hospital School of Nursing in Chicago. She became a visiting nurse in Chicago and the North Shore. She earned her Bachelor of Science, Master of Science, and her Adult Nurse Practitioner certificate, at North Park University. She attended Osher Lifelong Learning (OLLI) classes at Northwestern, deepening her appreciation of art, literature, theater and concerts.

Phyllis lived her life, in the words of Arthur Larrabee, “in alignment with the Spirit.” Her spiritual awareness gave her life meaning and joy. In addition to service, and clerking numerous committees at Evanston Friends Meeting and Illinois Yearly Meeting, she found time to walk in the sun, cultivate a local community garden, ride her bike, and attend the local farmer’s market. Phyllis also loved nature. Walking in the woods, bird watching, foraging into mycology, and listening to the pond frogs in McNabb. Behind Hillside Terraces, her home in Ann Arbor, she often sat on a rock in the nearby forest to watch the light changing throughout the day.

She cherished the history and grounds of Illinois Yearly Meeting, anticipating the 150th anniversary. Phyllis was spiritually curious, exploring Buddhism, Judaism, Episcopalian and Native American traditions. A friend described her “in a word, intrepid.” Whether hiking mountains to visit a Shaman in Peru, attending Jungian seminars in Ireland, or traveling to the American Friends Service Committee’s annual meetings, Phyllis was indeed an adventurer, immersing in the culture of each experience. Phyllis was also a loving, engaged and patient listener, advocating for many. She offered hospitality to others, often on short notice, for extended times.

Another source of spiritual joy was retreating to the secluded family cabin in the woods in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Phyllis cherished her solitary visits to the remote area, sharing the natural beauty, space and silence with the nearby wildlife.

In service to our communities, Phyllis participated in site preparation, organized a clerking workshop with Arthur Larrabee, arranged a spiritual deepening program with Marcelle Martin, engaging a variety of speakers to enrich the spiritual development of Friends. Her sense of stewardship was manifested by her keen awareness that each of us shares the world with many peoples, mindful of other gifts of creation, like all the flora and living creatures.

Phyllis was grateful to be named a Vision Keeper by Interfaith Action of Evanston, to serve on ILYM's Ministry and Advancement Committee, and for the invitation to share her spiritual journey by giving the 2021 Plummer Lecture at ILYM.

After retiring, Phyllis worked part time as a nurse for White Crane Wellness Center at the Adult Day Care Center until moving to Hillside Terraces, Ann Arbor, Michigan, to be near her daughter Tara.

Her favorite outings were drives in the country, walks along the Huron River and visits to the Dow Prairie in the University of Michigan Arboretum. She lived to see the daffodils and forsythia bloom.

Even with dementia and failing health, Phyllis remembered the names and important details about family and friends until her life ended on May 1, 2025.

Phyllis was predeceased by husband Wilfred Reynolds, brothers Richard and David Mack, brother-in-law Weldon Reynolds (Annette). She is survived by four children, Tami Jean Hinz (Michael Tisserrand) children Cecelia and Miles; Thomas James Hinz; Tara Margaret Breslin children Guy and Zoe Blackburn; Dorothy Grace Breslin; stepson Hugh Reynolds (Marian), six nieces and nephews and her beloved rescue kitty, Tiger Lily.

Lidia Geiser Taber (1941-2025)

Lidia Taber passed away at her home in Urbana on January 10, 2025. She is survived by her husband, Merlin Taber; three stepchildren; and her brother, Samuel (Heidi) Geiser of Bern, Switzerland. Lidia Johanna Geiser was born on November 11, 1941, and grew up in the town of Biel, Switzerland, in a Mennonite family of four. Her father was a furniture maker and carpenter and her mother a skilled homemaker.

Living in bilingual Biel (German/French) left its mark on Lidia, and multilingualism became a theme in her life. She attended a German-language school and after graduating, she did an apprenticeship as a secretary in the watch industry, where French predominated. After her vocational training, she worked in the south of Switzerland, where she learned Italian. Lidia learned English as an aide in a hospital in London. From London, she moved on to Sweden, and then, as part of a Mennonite exchange program, she came to the U.S. Midwest for the first time in the mid-1960s.

Foreign languages and cultures fascinated Lidia and became her passion. She earned language diplomas in English, French and Spanish and acquired basic knowledge of Italian, Portuguese and Indonesian. Lidia worked as a foreign language secretary in industry and the hotel trade to finance exploratory trips to Asia and Latin America, each lasting several months. In her last decades of work, she was an executive assistant in the nonprofit sector.

Lidia and Merlin met through family connections and became acquainted as Merlin traveled internationally in his retirement. At the age of 60 and also retired, Lidia emigrated to the U.S. to join Merlin, whom she married in 2001. Initially, they lived alternating between Switzerland and the U.S., but at Merlin's side, the globetrotter Lidia settled down and enjoyed being part of the Taber family. Lidia easily formed friendships with other foreign language speakers, looking for opportunities to speak Schwyzerdütsch, the Swiss-German dialect.

Born in the mountains, Lidia loved being in fresh air, walking, cycling and hiking. Merlin and Lidia were exceptional partners, contributing equally to each other's well being. Together they hosted dinner parties, attended concerts and watched birds from their porch. Lidia brought out the best in Merlin and Lidia's happiest times were her years with Merlin.

Lidia attended worship faithfully with Merlin at Urbana-Champaign Friends Meeting for many years. She and Merlin were known for welcoming newcomers to the meeting and inviting them to their homes for a meal and conversation. During the COVID pandemic, Lidia greatly enjoyed worshipping in the beautiful backyard of the Friends' meeting meetinghouse when she had a ride. Failing that, she often worshiped together with Sandy Bales indoors or outdoors at Clark-Lindsey Village. Lidia is greatly missed by her family and friends.

Aileen Tyson (1928-2024)

Aileen Tyson was born on January 20, 1928, in San Jose, California, and passed away at the age of 96 on May 24, 2024. She married Paul Williams in 1947, and they had 7 children. The family settled in Illinois in the late 1960's. She had a long career as a professional musician, playing double bass for numerous symphonies, including the Evanston Symphony, the Northbrook Symphony, and the North Shore Concert Band with whom she played under the Eiffel Tower. She also learned to play the pipe organ and became the choir director at St. Elizabeth Episcopal Church in Glencoe.

After her divorce from Paul, she taught both piano and string bass, obtained her real estate license, sold homes throughout the North Shore for many years, and became an avid Cubs fan. Late in life she married Jared Ingersoll.

Aileen attended Lake Forest Friends Meeting and became a member in 2016. She attended for several years before moving to Azpira Place in Lake Zurich. She was proud of her Quaker ancestry which included Martha Elliott Tyson, a 19th Century Quaker anti-slavery and women's rights advocate who co-founded Swarthmore College in 1860.

Aileen was very well read and had natural curiosity about life. She enjoyed painting, producing many beautiful works of art. She loved animals, good conversation and wanted everyone to have fun.

Her eldest daughter, Marty, described Aileen as a caring mother and grandmother. She is survived by her six children (Marty, Bruce, Laura, Sarah, Amy and Tom), 11 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren. She also noted that "Aileen leaves behind a legacy of music, art, family, laughter, and zest in her life that will live forever in the memory of her family and friends."