

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting and Eno Friends Meeting of Hillsborough Memorial Meeting for Worship



Maria Darlington

November 6, 1932 — July 14, 2026

The purpose of this Memorial Meeting is to celebrate Maria Darlington's life, recognizing and remembering the gifts she shared with us and the world. While she is no longer with us in the same way, her spirit will continue to live in the Light. This is a time to draw those who feel the absence of Maria into the care of the Spirit to bring hope, comfort and consolation to those present.

As in all Quaker Meetings for Worship, this memorial service reflects true simplicity, where we seek to come together in reverent silence, opening ourselves to the movements of the Divine. The responsibility for the spiritual depth of the meeting rests with every person in attendance.

The meeting for worship has already begun when the first person enters the room and enters the silence. Please refrain from greeting and conversation in the meeting room.

At times the Spirit may prompt you to speak in Meeting. Friends customarily do not plan in advance to speak at a Meeting for Worship; neither do they plan to remain silent. In discerning whether to speak, Friends often ask: Does this message arise from the Spirit that connects us all? Wait patiently to sense the time is right. If you do feel a leading to speak, stand if you are able, and wait for the Friend with the microphone to come to you.

Listen with an open spirit. After a message has been given, allow time to ponder its meaning and to let the Meeting return to silent worship. In speech and in silence, each person contributes to the Meeting. If you have unexpressed thoughts, please remember you can share them later.

The worship will conclude when the clerk discerns that enough settling time has followed the last message and another is not about to be spoken, in approximately an hour but not to the minute. The clerk will signal the closing by initiating hand shakes, when all may also shake hands with those around them.

Following this Memorial Meeting, all are invited for refreshments in the Multipurpose Room, giving us an opportunity to greet and support family members and friends, and to share reminiscences and stories about Maria.

To read about Maria's life, go to: <https://obits.endswellfuneralhome.com/maria-darlington>