

## **Minute of Appreciation For Bettie Freel**

November 11, 2012

Jacksonville Friends Meeting offers gratitude to Bettie Freel for her dedication to producing Meeting Newsletters during the past decade plus.

Our Meeting Newsletters during Friend Bettie's tenure were well thought out and inspired, inviting deep contemplation and reflection. She usually found a theme that held the work of a Newsletter all together, offering that theme as an introductory quote. This cohesiveness and depth that often opened the reader to vast spiritual inner vistas was due in large part to Friend Bettie's diligent search for pithy Quaker quotes, queries, advices, and more quotes.

Friend Bettie made often gallant yet not often successful efforts to inspire other Friends to write pieces for our Meeting Newsletter. She carried forth with her editing despite her computer crashing each time she produced a Newsletter.

Our Meeting Newsletters were offered to newcomers, inquirers, and were mailed or hand-delivered to approximately 70 households, individuals and clerks of Southeastern Yearly Meeting meetings and worship groups from Charleston to Tallahassee to Miami. Friend Bettie's handiwork in shaping our Meeting Newsletter into what it was was appreciated far and wide in our Yearly Meeting.

More importantly, her handiwork with our Meeting Newsletter helped shape the spirit and tone of our Meeting during this past decade plus; the Newsletter being a "spiritual glue" that held us together. In Northeast Florida's far-flung Quakerly presence, Friend Bettie's vital work for Jacksonville Friends Meeting as Newsletter editor is deeply, vastly, admirably appreciated with awe and inspiration and a great pat-on-the-back for a job well done.

Thank thee,  
Friend Bettie Freel