

ELIZABETH RIDPATH (ABELL) DAVIS
August 7, 1923 - February 1992

Elizabeth Ridpath was born in New Sharon, Iowa. Her father died while she was young. She attended the International School in Geneva, Switzerland, where her mother headed the Quaker Student Hostel from 1929 to 1937. She then attended Westtown Friends School, after which she went to Earlham College.

She then taught for three years in Brooklyn, New York.

Elizabeth married Richard Abell, also then a Friend, under the care of Westtown Friends Meeting in July 1949. They soon moved to Washington, where her husband taught at Sidwell Friends School for several years. Her husband and two sons, James, born in 1953 and Robert, born in 1955, became members of Friends Meeting of Washington. In the early 1950's her mother, Mabel Ridpath, was Director of Davis House.

Elizabeth transferred her membership to this Meeting from Westtown (PA) Friends Meeting in March 1961, after more than ten years of active attendance here. At this time she was teaching elementary school in Montgomery County.

In the early 1970's she was doing volunteer work in prison visitation, but moved to Oregon in late 1975 with her son James. Her marriage to Richard Abell had been over for some time.

She married Everett Davis in September 1981.

She was living in Lowell, Oregon at the time of her death.