

SCOTT LUCILIUS KIRKPATRICK
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Scott Lucilius Kirkpatrick, our member for 46 years, died on July 25, 1986 at the age of 74. At a Monthly Meeting for Business of Friends Meeting of Washington, September 13, 1987, we recorded our appreciation for his life. A Memorial Service was held May 17, 1987, where there were many expressions of appreciation for his caring sensitivity, humor and service to others.

Scott, as a young Friend, had steadfastly maintained his loyalty to the Peace Testimony, in his claim for Conscientious Objector status, despite investigations by a World War II Draft Board and the FBI.

Some time later, he demonstrated great determination in his support for racial equality and justice. Considering his background as a native son of Arkansas, Scott's devotion to this cause was, perhaps, even more impressive. As a theater enthusiast and administrator, he was influential in integrating both the stage and the audience in segregated Washington. Indeed, as the longtime manager of the National Theatre, Scott Kirkpatrick made the theater an instrument for positive social change.

Upon retirement, Scott passed on his expertise and philosophy teaching theater management at the University of the District of Columbia. During his teaching years, he participated in activities at the Meetinghouse with the Senior Center and the group of Friends with Gay and Lesbian Concerns. He often visited the Meeting garden, which he called "a green oasis in the middle of a busy city."

We are grateful for the many ways in which Scott Kirkpatrick "let his life speak" and the joyful spirit that continues to speak to many who treasure his memory.