

MORTON BROFFMAN
August 11, 1928 - December 30, 1992

Morton Broffman was born in New York, and in his young adulthood had no religious affiliation.

He became engaged to Elna E. Riker, who was a member of the New York Monthly Meeting in Brooklyn. They married under the care of Plainfield, New Jersey, Monthly Meeting in December, 1953. They renewed their wedding vows at Friends Meeting of Washington in December, 1983.

They moved to the Washington area in 1956. Morton Broffman became a member of Friends Meeting of Washington in December of 1959, during the time Elna was transferring her membership. He had come to feel an affinity with Quakerism through people close to him. Their four children, Craig, Andrew, Neal and Elna Amelia-George, also became members of this meeting.

He taught history in the Falls Church public schools. He worked on Sundays as a professional photographer, with clients that included the National Cathedral. This work made it difficult for Morton to have a strong involvement with Friends Meeting of Washington. The Broffmans also attended Langley Hill Friends Meeting where Morton taught First Day School. Throughout his life, he used his knowledge of history and his photography skills to promote civil rights and world peace.