

CHEADLE HULME QUAKER MEETING

Sunday 4 January 2026

26.01.01 Death of Ann Lewis

We record with sadness the death of Ann Lewis on 23 November 2025 at the age of 99 years. A Quaker funeral service took place at Stockport Crematorium on Tuesday 30 December.

Ann Lewis was born in Berlin on 23 October 1926. She moved to Britain with her parents in 1937. Ann, with her husband Gareth, became members of Cheshire Monthly Meeting and Cheadle Hulme Meeting in 1963 following their move from Belfast to Bramhall when Gareth was appointed to a post at the University of Manchester. Ann has been associated with our meeting ever since, longer than most of us can remember, and, after they moved to Wilmslow thirty years ago, she continued to worship with us whenever possible although she also took part in the activities of Wilmslow Meeting, in particular their mid-week discussion group.

In earlier years, Ann and Gareth shared their family with us as their three children, Stephen, Ruth and Peter, grew up and special family anniversary celebrations such as Ann and Gareth's golden wedding were held with the Meeting.

When Cheadle Hulme Meeting was fifty years old in 1985, Ann agreed to write a history of the Meeting and we now have her booklet *Quakers in Cheadle Hulme* describing the early days of the meeting, which none of us now remember, and its development up to the 1980s. This was a wonderful service to the Meeting and displayed all of Ann's thoroughness and scholarship.

In recent years, increasing frailty has meant that Ann has been unable to attend meeting for worship. She always enjoyed visits by Cheadle Hulme Friends and, although she was physically frail and her sight was poor in her later years, she remained mentally alert and visits with her were always full of lively conversation about her interesting life: growing up Berlin, encountering antisemitism there, her early years in Britain, and the lives and activities of her three children. She welcomed news of Friends in the Meeting and continued to be actively interested in current affairs and literature.

Those of us who remember Ann's active participation in the life of Cheadle Hulme Meeting or have come to know her more recently are grateful to have known her and we give thanks for the Grace of God as shown in her life.

(signed) Peter J Eccles, Clerk