Bill Hinely

James W Hinely (Bill) died on Monday February 3rd 2020 age 88. He died at home with his wife Lesley at his side and supported by the love of friends and family.

Bill was born on November 2nd 1931 in Rincon, Georgia, near Savannah. He studied at Young Harris College in North Georgia (where he met his first wife Nita) then earned a degree in Theology from Emory University in Atlanta, and Master’s degrees in Psychology and Education in Chicago. His two children Mark Hinely (Sweden) and Lisa Hinely (Atlanta) were born in Chicago, and Bill taught Psychology at Triton Jr. Community College there for many years.

In 1981, Bill left the US to travel to Sweden where son Mark, his wife Ulla and grand-daughter Julia live. He then explored Europe, landing in Oxford England where he met Lesley Rigg.

Bill introduced Lesley to Quakers, and they were married by Oxford Friends Meeting in 1983. Bill returned and Lesley immigrated to the USA in 1993, settling in Whatcom County, Washington. They were welcomed by Bellingham Friends and attended meeting for worship here until they moved into Bellingham Cohousing community in 2000.

In death as in life, Bill was easy-going and clear about his values. He cared deeply about his family, human communication, peace, and the environment.

Lesley wants to thank all of their Friends in Oxford for the good years there, and welcomes contact by email: lesleyrigg@bellcoho.com