

Richard Kenneth Lee

Richard Kenneth Lee was born in Greenville, Michigan, to Dorothy Primrose Morgan Lee and Kenneth Lee on January 19, 1949. He attended school in Greenville and one of his first jobs was at the original Meijer grocery store there. He was always interested in healing, and during visits to his English grandmother, a Quaker healer, he was introduced to the Quaker practice of Meeting for Worship for Healing and taught how to use the spiritual gifts of healing that were his inheritance.

In between visits to England, Richard attended Michigan State University, receiving a B.A. in History and Education in 1971, and an M.A. in European History in 1980, and he completed the course work for a Ph.D. in British History. He was employed by the University's Office of Supportive Services as an Academic Guidance Counselor from 1984 to 2013. He counseled minority students, and taught study skills and conflict resolution. He was an active member of the University's Religious Advisors Association.

Alongside his work for the University, Richard was led to the study and teaching of healing prayer. He traveled widely to research Meeting for Worship for Healing as practiced by Quakers in England and the United States and co-wrote articles on the topic for *Friends Journal* and *Quaker Life*. In the early 1980's he began attending Red Cedar Monthly Meeting (Lake Erie Yearly Meeting) and recorded his membership in the Religious Society of Friends on September 7, 1986. He served on the Membership and Outreach, Worship and Pastoral Care and Nominating Committees and taught healing prayer, worship etiquette and testimonies in First Day School. He hosted a monthly Meeting for Worship for Healing in his Lansing, Michigan, home until shortly before his death and presented workshops at the Friends General Conference Annual Gathering of Friends and Lake Erie Yearly Meeting for many years.

Richard also enjoyed cooking and junk store shopping for things to keep and things to give away. He will be missed by the Red Cedar Friends Meeting community and a much wider circle of family, former students and friends.

Remembering Richard Lee



January 19, 1949 -- August 5, 2018

Richard Lee in His Own Words

On November 9th and 16th, 2014, Richard Lee was interviewed by the teens of the Red Cedar Friends Meeting First Day (Sunday) School. The theme was "Who am I?" Here are his answers to some of the questions.

Q: What is the best thing about yourself?

A: I am happiest about my healing work. If you have a gift, you have to be responsible to honor and work at it. That takes dedication. For example, in my work as a guidance counselor I have to be intuitive and listen carefully to help the person work through things. I began doing healing with my sister when we were children. We often tried to heal animals. When I was 22, I visited my grandmother in England and she wanted to pass on her healing gifts to me. I was sitting in a chair; she knelt in front of me, put her palms on my knees and put energy into me.

Q: What makes a Quaker?

A: Being an active member or attender of a Quaker Meeting is important. It is also important to be aware of and work toward fulfilling our Testimonies. It is also important to respond to Quaker beliefs about the Inner Light.

Q: How do you know if something is right or wrong?

A: I don't most of the time because right and wrong is a continuum and often issues are sort of in the middle. If you murder someone, Quakers believe that is very wrong because you are killing that of God in another human.

Q: If you could give one gift to children, what would you give them?

A: Spiritual gifts of all sorts – something suitable for where they are in life. A person doesn't know what they can do. Young folks with gifts are very powerful.

Welcome

**A Friends Memorial Meeting
is a service of worship,
remembrance and celebration.**

- ❖ We will sit in silence and open ourselves to the movement of the Spirit. The silence may be broken by anyone who is led to share a story or a memory of Richard. If you feel led to share, simply rise and speak from your seat.
- ❖ Please allow a time of silence between messages, so that each one can be fully appreciated.
- ❖ If you need to take care of a coughing fit or other physical necessity during worship, please rise at a time when no one is speaking and go out, then come back when you feel ready. If someone is speaking when you reach the door, please wait until they are finished before coming in.
- ❖ After about an hour, the Clerk will end the service by shaking hands with people on each side of her, and we will all shake hands with each other.
- ❖ Then we will adjourn to the Social Hall for a potluck meal and the opportunity to share more stories and memories.

Thank you so much for being here!