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Nannie Blythe Bradshaw

Nannie Blythe Bradshaw, a beloved member of Bethel Monthly Meeting, was born near Franklin, Virginia on January 23, 1888 and passed from this life on July 8, 1958, in full assurance of "the home not made with hands, eternal in the heavens".

She was the daughter of Albert and Nancy Cobb Blythe, being the sixth of ten children. This was a happy Christian home in which habits of industry, integrity and strength of character were developed.

She received her education at the nearby public schools and in a private school operated in the Bethel Friends Meeting House, and always made the best use of her opportunities for improvement.

On December 18, 1910, she was married to Jephtha J. Bradshaw, a childhood friend and schoolmate. Committed together to a common service, theirs was a happy and united life. Six sons and one daughter were reared in this good home in which not only their physical needs were provided for, but their moral and spiritual life was promoted. She was known as a good mother and homemaker. Nannie Bradshaw's good life is best reflected in the lives of her children, all of whom are good and useful citizens, and have shown unusual love and loyalty to their parents. One son is a Baptist missionary in Japan.

Nannie Bradshaw was a birthright member of the Society of Friends. Attending Sunday School with her brothers and sisters was one of the joys of her childhood. Her love for her meeting continued to grow throughout her life. All the activities of the Sunday School and meeting had her faithful support. She served as an elder first at Black Creek Friends Meeting, then at Bethel until her death.