

**Memorial Minute for George R. Bent II**  
**(March 5, 1928 – Sept 17, 2013)**

George R. Bent II, 85, a resident of Kendal at Oberlin and faithful attender of the Oberlin Friends Meeting, died September 17, 2013. George was a birthright Friend, born March 5, 1928 to George Roberts Bent and Eleanor Hopkins Bent in Berea, Kentucky. He graduated from Westtown Friends School in Pennsylvania.

From 1946 to 1948, he worked with the American Friends Service Committee in Hungary and France during the postwar period in which Friends received the Nobel Peace Prize for relief work in Europe.

He later earned degrees from Oberlin College and Woodrow Wilson School for Public Affairs at Princeton University. After graduation he spent several years working with C.A.R.E. in Korea and Austria.

In 1958, he married his Oberlin Conservatory of Music classmate, Ruth Schoeni. He joined the management team of the Pfaudler Company in New York, becoming president of the Pfaudler Division of Sybron Corporation. In 1980, he was named general manager of Nordson Corporation's robotics division in Ohio. In 1982, he became president of the Ceilcote Company, a unit of General Signal Corporation, the position from which he retired.

George served as chair of the board of trustees at Oberlin College and Kendal at Oberlin. He received national recognition in 2000, when the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging named him Trustee of the Year. He was remembered by his son as "a great man, and a good man." We will miss his quiet, witty, and faithful presence.