

Remembrance and Reflection on Elizabeth Alling Sewall

Remarks by Greg Alling

Elizabeth's brother, Greg Alling, spoke extemporaneously, and thus there is no written record of his remarks. He began by drawing a hearty laugh from the congregation by noting that "behind every great woman there is a little brother." He continued with memories of their childhood. He then shared context on her passing from his Buddhist faith, noting that October 20th — 49 days from her death — marks an auspicious occasion in Buddhist tradition, as it is the earliest time at which she could return to earth in reincarnated form. He celebrated her strength and passion for life, the gift she was to him as a sister.