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A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE

Peggy Stewart Neuwyn Scottish Terriers

Recently, I was contacted by Peggy's nephew to inform me of her passing on September 10, 2018. From what he told me, she died of an apparent stroke in her home in Port Charlotte, Florida.

Peggy's first Scottish Terrier was a young male that she showed with her husband, a dog with mostly BOS wins as he was usually in the ring with Shannon, the famous Westminster winner handled by George Ward. My first meeting with Peggy was a long telephone conversation a few months after my first Scottish Terrier had passed away. We happened to have shared the same vet while living in the Hyde Park neighborhood, and he told me that Peggy's bitch was expecting a litter and if I was ready for another dog, he would provide her number. That was in the early 1990s, while Peggy was a fellow in the Pharmacology Department at the University of Chicago after completing her PhD. Peggy was a late bloomer and went back to school after a divorce.

As part of her PhD studies, Peggy spent a year in England doing pharmacological research, and one of her goals was to bring back an English Scottish Terrier bitch from the well-known Gaywyn Kennels. This is how Vivi entered my life; all my dogs have a direct lineage back to Gaywyn Vivienne, and her great great great grandpups were whelped in June. Peggy wanted to breed English style Scotties and worked with Tom Natalini and his dogs from English kennels, including Killisport Rox at Scarista, a well know stud dog in England before Tom brought him over to the States. Peggy passed on her interest and love of the English bloodlines to me.

After her studies and fellowships in Chicago ended, Peggy was hired to teach pharmacology at the Philadelphia School of Osteopathic Medicine, where she continued her research into the causes of pain. While in Philadelphia, she had the premier terrier show in her backyard – Montgomery County Kennel Club, and through the 1990s I traveled to attend these shows with her, exhibiting the most recent pup or the old veteran from Vivi's lineage. She eagerly anticipated that show and seeing all the Scottish Terriers, some years with well over 200 entries where judging lasted from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. She loved every minute of the judging.

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For most of those years, Peggy was an At-Large member of the Scottish Terrier Club of Chicago as there was no club in the Philadelphia area. Peggy edited a *Breeder & Exhibitor Forum* in *The Plaid Piper* around 2008, where she posed questions to the club's members. But she was generous with her support of the club and was always willing to send a check or a prize if needed for an event, and she and I sponsored the Winners Dog trophy at the STCC Specialty for many years.

Three years ago, Peggy retired from teaching and moved to Florida to enjoy the weather after enduring many unbelievable Philadelphia blizzards, finally buying a home that didn't need to be completely remodeled (during the trips to Philadelphia, I experienced her previous two home renovations). In the summer of 2017, her last Scottie, Sarge had died and Peggy was without a dog for the first time in many years. She contacted me this spring asking for help in finding an adult dog who needed a home. We never found that new companion.

Peggy's family has asked that any tributes be directed to the Scottish Terrier Club of Chicago in her name.

Richard C. Bumstead

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