

## ROSEMARY MARSHALL



Rosemary at our branch meeting

It is with great sadness we announce the death of our President Rosemary Marshall. Rosemary started in shelties in 1956 with her affix Forestland and over the years made up many Champions. She will be sadly missed by all. We have gathered some fond memories and photos of Rosemary to remember her in this special newsletter.

At our branch meeting in April, we all shared a toast to remember Rosemary and her contribution to the branch and the sheltie world.

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## Memories of Rosemary from Dave and Margaret Lambert



Dave and I really got to know Rosemary when we joined the SE Branch in the late 70's. We had met around the showing in the preceding years but once we became members of the Branch we were taken more seriously. Rosemary gave us an enthusiastic welcome. Rosemary and Fred were extremely knowledgeable about dogs, not only Shelties and as many of us newbie breeders at the time, we were only too keen to tap into that amazing resource of knowledge. We took overseas visitors who were keen to see her dogs and tap into that experience, always receiving a warm welcome from Rosemary and the dogs.

I can remember visiting their lovely home on several occasions, first at the farm and then the converted barn, initially for a cup of tea and chat and maybe see her latest litter of puppies and then dinner parties in front of the lovely log fire and her telling us of her overseas judging trips and experiences. As all of us who knew Rosemary will remember, what most people could say in half an hour took her at least twice as long as she went all around the houses in a most entertaining way to get to the point. She and Fred were great at entertaining and so interesting to be around. We heard stories about the deer farming and the many country estates they were associated with.

Rosemary was very much a country woman, interested in every aspect of the rural surroundings in which she lived. She would sit for hours watching a badger set on their property or watching butterflies and moths in which she had a keen interest. Joyce Miles recalls the swapping of caterpillars as Rosemary had Emperor moths but no peacock butterflies and Joyce had the opposite.

She loved her garden and was very knowledgeable about the plants. I have a cutting taken from her garden that we had in our garden at Kent and has come to Hereford with us and I call it my Rosemary flower, I can't remember what she said it was called but it is a very pretty pink and self seeds easily so she will always around.

I believe she was one of a very select few who had a licence to deal with road kill deer and those injured by motorists, and she and/or Fred could be called out at all times of the night when an animal needed to be put out of its misery.



## Rosemary Marshall



First sheltie – Riverhill Rurple



First champion – Ch Forestland Briar



Top Sheltie Stud 1986 – Forestland Poacher



## Forestland Shelties



Ch Forestland The Countryman



Forestland Country Charmer

We held a Branch meeting in one of their fields which she was keen to arrange and Fred was selecting the Shelties from the fun classes. It was a lovely afternoon with us all sat around in the sunshine. They had gone to great lengths to set up the area with a tea tent and a ring. Then afterwards, we went to see her latest litter of puppies. At the time she said it would be her last litter. I am not sure if it actually was.

Rosemary was truly resilient. Considering the health issues she had experienced over a number of years she was proof that you should never say never. Ros Allan remembers visiting her in hospital after one of her major surgeries and going into her darkened room and saying very quietly to her "Rosemary how are you?" She sat bolt upright and said in a very strong voice. "Never mind about all that, what happened at WELKS last weekend?"

Rosemary was also a very well respected judge, and like the other ladies at that time, a fount of knowledge about past dogs and breeders. I am sure many will have their own memories of her and she will be talked of in Sheltie circles for many years to come as one of the truly dedicated and talented breeders of her time.