

## **Gordon Butler**

The funeral will take place on Tuesday April 14th at 2.30 and it is being live streamed.

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I am sorry to advise you that Gordon Butler died early this morning, please be advised this was not Covid 19 related. Gordon had been unwell for a number of years.

Gordon as you know was one of our Vice Presidents and had formerly been a past Chair of GCCF as well as a long serving member of the Executive Committee as it was at that time.

For those who knew Gordon he was a man of enormous integrity and a true gentleman in every way, he was a man for whom I have always had a tremendous amount of respect and admiration and will be sorely missed by those who knew him.

For those who did not know Gordon, all I can say is the loss was yours, as he really was a most remarkable man, he had what I would consider one of highest moral compasses any individual could have and a wonderful stature and presence. One of those individuals whom you meet once and creates a lasting impression.

Gordon you were a remarkable individual and left large shoes to fill. I am sure this will only be the first of many tributes to follow.

On behalf of myself and the Board, our condolences to his wife Carole, who many of you may also have known personally, and surviving family.

Carole I am so, so very sorry for your loss.

## **John H Hansson Chair GCCF**

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So sad to hear that Gordon Butler has passed away, a very great loss to us all and to GCCF, in particular. Always, calm, kind and on hand for advice.

I had the very great pleasure of working alongside him on Executive for many years and as a fellow judge shared many a very entertaining conversation over dinner the night before shows.

A true gentleman in every sense of the word.

My condolences to Carol, his family and friends.

## **Lynda Ashmore**

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I was very sad to hear of the passing of Gordon Butler. For many years he was a calm and gentle voice in the show hall and at Council meetings. I had the great pleasure and honour to steward for him on several occasions and he was very kind to explain the finer points of Persians to me. Gordon was someone for whom I had a great deal of respect and

admiration. Since he retired from the Cat Fancy I have missed his advice, candour and most of all humour. My condolences to Carole and his family.

### **Stephen Parkin**

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I was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Gordon Butler. I stewarded for him on a few occasions in the past and found him to be great company and knowledgeable of the cats he judged. I will mostly remember him for the help and assistance he gave when I was Show Manager of Coventry and Leicester Cat Club which introduced the system of titles for non-pedigree cats that developed into the scheme we all know today. At this time there was much resistance and the initial proposal had been thrown out by Council, but Gordon suggested the way we could get round the resistance and introduce the scheme. He was also right when he said that if we could make a success of it, that Council would come to accept the granting of titles for the non-pedigrees, which of course was what eventually happened.

My condolences to Carole and his family, he will be greatly missed.

### **Mark Lewis**