

Jennifer Fleming

Jenny's funeral will take place on Tuesday 23rd April, 12.00 noon at Carlisle Cathedral and afterwards at the Tithebarn for refreshments. A family burial will take place later that day.

It is with the greatest sadness that we have received the news that Jennifer Fleming (Shoelina Russian Blues) died late this afternoon. A full Obituary will follow as soon as I can get my head around not only the personal loss of a friend but also the huge hole she will leave within our Association.

Marlene Buckeridge

Chairman

6th April 2019

It was with great sadness that I was told that my dear friend Jennifer Fleming passed away today. We met many years ago when I was a probationer judge of her beloved Russian Blues and our friendship has endured as the decades passed.

I shall miss her more than mere words could ever say.

My condolences to her husband and their family.

Lynda Ashmore

The Russian Blue Breeders Association were very sad to learn of Jennifer's death yesterday. She will be greatly missed by us all. Jennifer joined the Association in 1986 and bred and showed Russian Blues since that time.

She joined the committee in 2009 and became my Vice Chairman in 2012. Jenny had also been an active member of the Breed Advisory Committee, I think from its earliest beginnings. She took over the role of Welfare Coordinator when she joined the Committee.

Jenny was devoted to our Breed and bred some wonderful cats under her Shoelina Prefix including the first UK Grand Champion (Shoelina Pushkin) quickly followed by his sister UK Grand Champion Shoelina Pulcinella.

Her passion was welfare and she often told me that she got a huge sense of satisfaction making the perfect match. In the past, Jenny and her husband Ian drove all over the country when it was necessary to collect or deliver a cat needing help. The Association cannot thank them enough. Jenny's care did not end with just cats and no-one who read her article entitled "The Slaughter of the Lambs" during the Foot & Mouth Crisis could be in any doubt. I dislike the phrase "didn't suffer fools gladly" but it did fit Jenny who took no nonsense if she thought someone was trying to take advantage of our Welfare system.

Jenny fought her battle with cancer so very bravely and with such a positive attitude. I have lost a good friend as well as a Committee Member. Rest well Jenny.

We send our condolences to Ian and all Jenny's family.

Marlene Buckeridge

Chairman RBBA

It is with a great deal of sadness, I am posting this.

I picked up a post on Facebook on Friday to state that Jennifer Fleming had died,

This was I confess despite knowing just how serious her illness was, still a great shock to hear that Jennifer had actually lost her brave fight.

I had known Jennifer for a long time, though I confess I had not seen her for some years

Many of you will have known Jennifer as show manager for the Cumberland CC show, she with Ian's assistance ran the show for a good number of years.

Many more will know that Jennifer was also a long time breeder of Russian Blues and some will know of her through her prefix 'Shoelina' which she had held for a great many years breeding many tilted Russian Blues in her years of breeding,

Jennifer was one of those individuals, that one could not help but admire for both her integrity and courage.

Our condolences to Ian, her family and friends at this very sad time.

I have no further information at this time.

John H Hansson

Whilst I had known Jenny had been very ill for some time, her passing still leaves me very sad. I will always be grateful to her for her all encouragement in my efforts to learn and understand her beloved Russian Blues. It was Jenny that drummed into me "Never rush a Russian", some of the best advice I have ever had. Thank you Jenny. My thoughts are with Ian and her family.

Stephen Parkin