

## **Brenda Wolstenholme**

The funeral will take place on the 20<sup>th</sup> August at 2.00pm. St Michaels Church, Kirkham PR4 2SE

No flowers by request. Donations to the 'Stroke Unit' at Royal Preston Hospital.

After which the internment will take place at Lytham Crematorium

Conservative Club,  
Ribby Road,  
Kirkham,  
PR4 2BB

Anyone planning on attending please notify Mrs Ann Green, telephone number: 01772 673744 for catering purposes.

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Sadly I have been informed that Brenda Wolstenholme has passed away. She gave so much to GCCF and will be remembered with great fondness by all who knew her.

Her funeral is next Monday, 20th August at 2pm – held at St. Michaels Church Kirkham, then on to the Crematorium.

No flowers Donations to The Stroke Association.

## **Lynda Ashmore August 2018**

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It is genuinely with a very great deal of sadness that I find myself writing this tribute, whilst not completely unexpected, it still comes as a shock to realise it is factual, to notify you all that Brenda Wolstenholme has died.

Brenda was currently serving as one of our Vice Presidents, but she had in the past occupied virtually every office, she was a former GCCF Chair, served on the IC Committee, Genetics Committee and she was on the list of Emeritus Judges. She, with her late husband Frank, who was also a Judge were very active with Preston & Blackpool Cat Club, of which she was one-time Chair and latterly President, I believe, and Frank had also been Treasurer; she had also been their Show Manager for a good many years in the past.

Brenda had shoes too large for anybody else to fill, she was a stickler for process, she was a wonderful character and had an extremely sharp wit, though tempered with a wonderfully dry sense of humour. Brenda could always make you smile and she was a wonderful asset for her favourite breed. The British Group will be a lot poorer for her passing. She worked terribly hard for what she believed in.

If anyone had iconic status, it was surely Brenda, for those who did not know her, I can but say, your life would have been enriched by the experience; she was one of those rare individuals one could not help but admire. She was amongst the most loyal & honest person you could possibly have known.

She filled all the positions she held with pride, in spite of combatting serious health problems herself & nursing Frank for the later years of his life during his illness.

I can state in all honesty, a very honourable and kind lady is with us no more, I am delighted to have known her & thank her most sincerely for everything she achieved in her years serving GCCF.

**John H Hansson on behalf of the Board of GCCF.**

The funeral will take place;  
St Michaels Church, Kirkham, on Monday 20th August at 2pm.

I'll update more fully, hopefully with Full Post Code, when more information is known.

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I first met Brenda at the Cheshire Area show in November 1977 when she was stewarding for Kathy Vickers who was judging in the British Section. I was showing a silver tabby female kitten and a silver tabby neuter. The neuter Sireli Silver Flute was not in the best of moods and Brenda told me after judging that she had gone back 3 times to try and get him out of the pen and on the 3rd attempt had succeeded so he did end up with his PC.

Over the years I have been very fortunate to win a great many certificates from both Brenda and her late husband Frank. They were a lovely couple and very popular British judges. I have photos of Brenda, Frank and the late Freda Matthias on a Best in Show Panel at a Manchester & District show in the early 2000s.

I last saw Brenda at the Preston & Blackpool show in March 2011. Because of illness Freda Matthias had had to pull out of judging and the Show Manager asked Brenda if she would step in and judge Freda's classes. I was showing a silver tabby female and Brenda gave her a CC out of 4 lovely girls. When I thanked her she said that the show would probably be her swan song and unfortunately it was as she did not judge anywhere after that show.

In the late 70s and into the 80s they could not judge together as one of them had to stay at home due to their running a cattery. When they retired and gave up the cattery this meant they could both judge at shows together.

When Frank had to retire from judging due to health problems he was sorely missed and the same applied to Brenda. They have now been reunited in the next world and will, no doubt, have a lot of catching up to do.

**Pat Kidd  
Kresta British Shorthairs**

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I first knew Brenda as a PJ in British many years ago and she was always calm, thought provoking and had a fabulous dry sense of humour. I stewarded for her and Frank many times over those years and was lucky to do that.

May you rest in peace and look down on us from the stars, bless you.

**Sue Dalton -Hobbs**

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The sad passing of Brenda, brings an end to over 50 years of involvement in the GCCF, and with her, a lifetime of passion, knowledge and skills regarding cats and their welfare that we're unlikely to see 'her' like again. It's indeed the end of an era.

**Mary Dean**

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It is with sadness we have learned of the passing of Brenda. She will be truly missed by all who knew her. Our condolences to her family and friends and committee members at Preston & Blackpool Cat Club,

RIP Brenda

**M Holmes ...Hon Sec  
Cheshire Area Cat Club**

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Another solid stalwart of GCCF has gone. And what a stalwart she and her husband Frank were. I cannot remember when I met them, but it was soon after I became a judge in 1985. Both were so very kind and supportive of me in my early years of judging. Brenda was so very well respected both as a judge, show manager, and as a breeder of outstanding British SH cats. Another big void has been left in GCCF. It saddens me more and more, as many I had known (judges, exhibitors, show managers and stewards), for many years in GCCF are now gone.

David Redtfeldt  
GCCF judge for 24 years