

(Lady) Patsy Yardley

It is with great sadness I inform you all of the death of Patsy Yardley, a good friend and long-term lover of Burmese. Patsy bred and showed Burmese under her Papagena prefix for over forty years and many of you will have known her well. She served on the Burmese Cat Club committee and on her retirement was elected a Vice President of the club. She was a Lady not only in name, but in the true sense of the word.

Our heart-felt condolences to her family and friends. She will remain in our thoughts.

Steve Crow Burmese Cat Club

I was so sad to learn of the passing of Patsy Yardley, and my thoughts go out to her daughter, Heather Simpson (who is also very active in the cat fancy), as well as to all the other members of her extended family.

I first knew Patsy back in the 1970s when I lived in Oxford, and I was a complete newcomer to the cat fancy. I joined the Oxford Cat Club (of which Patsy was the very active Chairperson) and she took me under her wing as she too was breeding and showing Tabby Pt Siamese at that time. She took trouble to explain everything I might need to know before I went to my first show, and often gave me a lift to shows before I passed my driving test. She obviously had faith in my organisational skills, as she invited me to be a Joint Show Manager of the Oxford Cat Club show when I was still in my twenties, a job I enjoyed and carried out for several years. Patsy was very well liked and respected by all who knew her, whether it was in the cat fancy or as a local Oxford City Councillor where she also served a term as Lord Mayor of Oxford. I will always remember her as a warm, kind and caring person, with a lovely sense of humour, and I will certainly miss seeing her at shows where we often had a good reminisce about the old Oxford Cat Club days.

Judy Emmens

The Officers and Committee were sorry to hear that Patsy had died on 24th January. Patsy epitomized the title of Lady in all that she said & did. She did so much for the Cat Fancy but particularly Burmese to whom she was devoted, and really enjoyed coming to our shows when she was more able, always gracious and smiling accepting her wins modestly & defeats with great good humor. We will greatly miss Patsy & remember her fondly.

We extend our sincere condolences to Heather, your siblings and families.

Colin & I personally grieve for the loss of T/L Lady Patsy Yardley. She was a true gentle woman whom we held in utmost affection, admiration & respect. I personally owe Patsy an enormous debt of gratitude for all her kindness & support over all the years that I've known her. I shall never forget when, in the early days of our friendship, Patsy appeared on my doorstep with a gift of delicious homemade candied peel!! Patsy and her late husband David were a tower of strength to me, especially when I came off the Burmese List in 1992 &

in the aftermath of the break-up of my first marriage that year, ensuring that I continued to go to shows, even having me to stay then taking me with her to various shows & Burmese Cat Club AGM's. I was made to feel right at home as I always had a bed full of Patsy's Papagena Burmese so that I wouldn't miss my own at nights. Patsy & David even honoured me with Dinner Party invitations, which I enjoyed immensely. Colin & I were delighted when Patsy & David accepted the invitation to our Wedding Blessing and Reception in 1997, as they meant the World to us both. Patsy was my rock & I'll miss her more than words can say. We can't imagine how Heather & everyone must be feeling right now, but we're sure that they will be comforted to know that their parents are reunited once more and are at peace.

We will cherish our happy memories of Patsy & hold her close in our hearts for the rest of our lives. We extend our deepest sympathy to Heather, Gen, the twins, your siblings & families.

Dorothy & Colin Stone
Midland Counties Cat Club