Suzanne Dalton

It was with shock and great sadness I learned of the death of Suzanne Dalton after a short illness.

I first met Suzanne in the late 1970s, before I learned to drive, and she often gave me a lift to cat shows. Over the next few years we became firm friends and shared many a discussion over a bottle of wine about breeding and genetics as well as the minutiae of life in general. Back then she bred Burmese, having bought a cream female, Melanin Glamourpuss. She also showed a Black British Tipped female, Ch Oldoinyo, her foundation queen who produced some beautiful clear-coated progeny including the magnificent Black Tipped Gr Ch Donysabuk Loliando, an outstanding example of the breed who is behind many pedigrees. Her fascination with sex-linked colours led her to a get a Red British Tipped and subsequently she bred the first cream tippies to win titles, Ch Donysabuk Sungate (m) and Ch Donysabuk Sanya Juu (f). Never one to seek the limelight, she wasn't well known as an exhibitor but continued to breed Tipped and the occasional litter of self British with her late partner Eric Jenkins. After her marriage to Philip she continued to breed purely for the love of the cats, becoming interested in Golden Tipped and also Maine Coons, her old lady Roma sadly dying the day after Suzanne. As well as her cats, Suzanne was passionate about gardening and created an amazing garden from what was literally a building site after the move to Heapey.

I think she would be bemused to realise just how much people will miss her helpfulness, her "cando" attitude and her no-nonsense approach to life. Sleep well Suzanne, you won't be forgotten.

Vicky Hakin Smith
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It was with much sadness I saw the notice that Suzanne had passed away. Although I hadn't seen her for many years she was thought of often. I will always remember her and her beloved 'Tippies' with great fondness.

Lynda Ashmore