

Lines from Linda

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A Picture Is Worth A Thousand Words

Material possessions cannot replace memories. This became so clear to me eight years ago when I lost my father. Nothing is more precious to me than my pictures of him.

Priceless history of the dog world belongs to my mother Hazel Ayers of Stone Mountain, Georgia. She is a lifetime honorary member of both the Atlanta Kennel Club and The Collie Club of Georgia. When the two clubs celebrated their one-hundredth and fiftieth year anniversaries recently she, my brother Roy Ayers, Jr. and I created over forty volumes of pho-

tograph books chronicling events of the past. In addition my mother donated hundreds of items of dog memorabilia to the Atlanta Historical Society to be preserved for Georgia History.

You've heard the expression "**Been there – done that**" well as the wife of an AKC All-Breed judge and the mother of two judges, that saying fits her perfectly.

The **Westminster Kennel Club** is one-hundred-twenty-six years old. This month thousands of the dog world's finest will gather at Madison Square

Garden in New York to show off our sport to the world on live color television.

Journalist from around the globe will be there. For months to come every dog magazine will feature pictures of this year's top dogs, their owners, breeders and handlers. The judges will be interviewed. We can hardly wait to see the photographs of the awards banquets and the parties.

Just for fun I thought you might enjoy reminiscing over some of my Mother's old black and whites. **After all a picture is worth a thousand words!**

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