

Lines From Linda

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Patricia Ann Kanzler / February 23, 1956-August 17, 2018



The dog world mourns the loss of Trish Kanzler. Trish was the daughter of the late Norbert Kanzler and AKC Judge and former AKC Delegate Kathleen Kanzler.

Everyone celebrated with her as at age 23, Trish became the youngest person to capture the highly prized Westminster Kennel Club Best In Show with her family's homebred American

and Canadian CH. Innisfree Sierra Cinnar. To this date she remains the youngest handler to win this award.

Innisfree Siberian Huskies, Shiba Inus and horses were blessed to be loved and trained by Trish. She was passionate about animals and she possessed a rare ability to teach them to perform.

Trish served on the Board of Directors of the Siberian Husky Club of America, she was a professional handler, raced sled dogs, helped train dogs for the Iditarod race and was big supporter of 4H programs. Having a keen love of adventure, Trish visited six of the seven Continents of the World and every state in the US.

Trish is survived by her mother, Kathleen, her sister Sheila and brother John. A celebration of her life will be held at the American Legion Post 875, 80 W. Main Street, Chateaugay,

New York 12920 on Saturday, September 8, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Trish would love to be remembered by donations in her name to the 4H Program at Cornell County Extension, Clinton County, State Route 22, Plattsburgh, New York 12901. Visit cceclinton.org/donate or to your local 4H program.

Trish and I became very close friends after I received a letter from her she had been intending to write for thirty years. The story was told in my *ShowSight* column *Lines from Linda*, February, 2016. You may find it on my website LindaAyersTurnerKnorr.com. There Trish tells the story of my father Judge Roy L. Ayers, "Cinnar" and his road to Westminster.

Trish and I finally met in Orlando at the then Eukunuba where she was greeting the crowds in her Siberian Huskies Meet the Breeds Booth. From that time on, we remained in close touch with other get togethers in New York for Westminster week's fun activities.

Even though cancer was taking its toll on her, Trish was determined not to miss seeing her friends and competing at the Yankee Siberian Husky Specialty Show. She and Wanda Emmerich drove to Taunton, Massachusetts for what turned out to be Trish Kanzler's last dog show. Waiting to help with the dogs were Veronica Morris and Debbie Studwell. Friends cheered as on June 1, 2018, Trish and Ch. Innisfree Diva won their Rally title.

We had a bucket list of things we wanted to do. One, of all things, was to go to a Mule Show. Long phone calls were quite lively as we discussed world politics and of course our mutual love for all things relating to animals and friends. Trish was always positive! She put others first. I'm saddened to lose this precious friend. I loved her so! ■



Trish at home with nature with Ch. Innisfree Remember When (Reme).



This photo is so Trish! Here she is in Belgium on a Carousel!



Trish and Cinnar.



Celebrating with her are her sister Sheila and parents Kathleen and Lt. Col. Norbert Kanzler.