

A Life Well Lived

Remembering Maureen Clark

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Maureen Clark of Sharcon Great Danes and one of the original members of the Great Dane Club of Western Pennsylvania, passed away on November 18th 2015, following complications of heart surgery. Maureen's love for the breed began over 50 years ago with her first Dane 'Falcon'. She and her dogs are known and



respected all over the world. Maureen has had numerous Sharcon Champions, a number of which she handled and finished herself over the years. She bred fawns, brindles, blues, and blacks and had Champions in all these colors. Dogs she bred have had a strong influence in the pedigrees of other breeders who have used them in their breeding programs. A fawn dog bred by Maureen, Ch. Dundane Whistles At Sharcon ROM HOF, better known as 'Barney', is behind a number of successful fawn/brindle lines of today. Barney was the GDCA Top Stud Dog two years in a row and a member of the Great Dane Hall Of Fame. Another dog that has been extremely influential is Maureen's blue 'Tommy', MULTI GROUP, MULTI BISS AKC/INTL Ch. Sharcon's Tomahawk, HR, AOM, ROM, HOF, OFA, CHIC, Top 20 Contender. Tommy is the first blue dog inducted into the GDCA Stud Dog Hall Of Fame and the first blue Dane having sired over 20 AKC Champions with more Champions by him across the world.

In a conversation I had with her a few years ago, Maureen expressed that she had lived a very full and rich life with lots of adventure! Her love of God, her four children and her grandchildren, her entire human family; including so many wonderful friends she made over the decades; her passion for Great Danes, and the other animals; her traveling, many businesses; her journalism, sewing, and cooking...she loved every bit. She enjoyed sharing dog stories and talking to other breeders and judges during get-togethers at the dog shows or restaurants after the shows. She hated to admit that it was sad to be forced to have to slow down, but acknowledged that one cannot go full speed forever. In her words to all she said, "Love life, love what you do, and don't be afraid of adventure! You will be surprised where you can go and what you can accomplish! God bless you all and God bless America."

Rest in Peace, Maureen ~