

Rae Millan

It is with a very heavy heart that I write to you to tell you of the passing of our very dear friend

Mrs Rachel Millan, Rae as she was known had the well-known LANDSCOT affix with her husband Harry

When we first met Rae it was to buy our brood bitch Shona, better known as Shushoni of Lymish, by the stunning SH CH Cornevon Lovebird and out of Firemiss of Fearnley, not everyone knew and Rae and Harry certainly hid their light under a bushel that Shona was the litter sister to SH CH Firebracken of Fearnley who they bred and she was also a ticket winner. We already owned a Reddins Irish my first meeting with a red and my continuing love of them extends to this day. Rae and Harry bred and showed some stunning and correct Irish, litters were only bred after much thought and planning.

Landscot Little Missy won a Reserve CC at Crufts, her litter brother Landscot Red Rebel was also a Crufts winner in classes of over 50 exhibitors, Landscot Going for Gold was another ticket winner for the Millan's. Rae was a very private person but would open up with her friend, my mum. When Rae and Harry lived close by in Yorkshire Mum and Rae would attend shows travelling together, typically singing "we're all going on a summer holiday" until the rocking of the car resulted in strange looks (our first litter was all named after Cliff's songs, hence summer holiday)

Exhibiting was great fun for all in those now distant days, shows were a thing to be enjoyed and seemingly were less intense than at the current time. Rae and Harry in later years lived in Worcestershire our friendship with them spanned over 40 years, we met up at shows, often exhibiting at the 3 Counties showground, near to them and then popping back to their house for a catch up, natter, reminisce, a bite to eat and a cuppa for the road, often staying till late in the evening, that didn't stop Mum and Rae talking for hours on the phone most days, I never knew what they found to talk about, Rae was special to me and like another Mum, they never had their own family and I felt proud to be part of theirs, when my daughter had my grandson Rae doted on him and pictures were sent of Matthew on a regular basis, The Rae I knew always appeared to be fighting fit, always on the go supporting other Irish owners to look after their beloved Reds when they were on holiday moving in and taking her own with her, I'm sure we will not be the only ones to really miss her, yet another one of the old school to slip quietly away. Our deepest sympathy goes to Harry who kept us updated daily of Rae's progress following a sudden nasty stroke and a heart attack from which she didn't recover, I know Mum misses her regular chats and Dad doesn't miss the phone bill, all joking aside the world of Irish is a sadder place for the loss of one of its greatest fans and my life is a little darker for her not being in it, so a big thank you to Rae and of course Harry who set us on the road to the show scene with "shush"

Sheena, Anne and John and all the red boys and girls at Lymish

FUNERAL TO BE HELD AT – The Vale Crematorium, Evesham WR10 2QR

No flowers by request, donations may be made on the day

TIME - 12 noon Monday 24th June 2019

Following the funeral all are invited to get together at the The Wood Norton Hotel, Worcester Road, Evesham WR11 4YB for refreshments and a natter