

Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame

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Each of you are invited to celebrate the extraordinary lives of Jim and Janet Chase Sunday evening, Nov. 25, after dinner in the clubhouse during the all age championships in Booneville. We hope you can join us for this tribute.

It has been the saddest of times this year with the loss of both Jim and Janet. Many thoughts about Jim and Janet have been expressed by Brittany people after Janet's passing:

Jim and Janet were great benefactors to the ABC and ALL of the people who have come and gone as well. . . . Jim was lots of fun and a part of the fun was watching Janet "watch Jim" ... and take care of him. They were truly a great couple.

Losing Janet and Jim in such a short time leaves a big hole in the Brittany community. Their many years of support and participation in Brittany activities along with taking lead roles in the ABC and the BFTHF will be very hard to replace. It seems unreal that two people that we spent time with at the BFTHF induction ceremonies last February are now no longer with us. Very sad.

We have lost a great gal and wonderful sportsman. She and Jim were willing to help anyone and she did an excellent, professional job as ABC Treasurer. They both will be greatly missed. She is no longer suffering and is with Jim running dogs and fishing.

To say that the Brittany world has lost someone valuable today would be an understatement indeed. The good news is that Janet and Jim are together again, just as it should be. We'll miss you, Janet, you made us better people for having known you. I think back to all those board meetings that Janet and I sat through together for all those years. She never missed a beat and was on top of everything. I admired her greatly; she was always a class act.

I can't imagine the nationals or ABC without her. This is truly sad news, but somehow fitting that two people who meant so much to each other and who depended so much on each other should pass away within such a short period of time. To say Janet will be missed is perhaps one of the greatest understatements ever made. She gave of her time and talents in a totally unselfish manner for the American Brittany Club. Let her life be a guide for others to follow.

As Ken Blackman said in his memorial to Jim, the article Dave Fletcher wrote in 2004 told the story about the key role Jim played developing one of the most significant foundation dogs in our breed's improvement. From TM, down thru his progeny, Jim, along with Janet's support, was single handedly responsible for keeping our breed one of the best in field trial history. Dave told each and every one of us what Jim was all about and how he shaped our breed, our sport, our organization to leave a legacy that challenges each one of us to keep vibrant and fun.

Please put this important event on your calendar and we look forward to seeing you November 25.

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