

Kinsey, Banquos Wild Blue Yonder

12/3/91-1/7/07

Kinsey was born in Hendersonville, NC, one of eight puppies of "Tribbles" (Ch. Arcadia-Caliburn Smoky Topaz UD MX HC ROM) and "Gatsby" (Ch. Arcadias US Male). At the age of 8-1/2 weeks, she moved to Atlanta and became part of our family.



Although not an officially titled Champion like her distinguished parents, Kinsey was a champion in our books, and queen of our household and hearts. In October 1996, our whole family attended Camp Gone to the Dogs in Putney, Vermont, where Kinsey took keenly to agility and obedience training classes, went on hikes, and achieved her Canine Good Citizen certificate, eventually mastering the dreaded long "stay" command. She had a brief flirt with stardom when she appeared in a "Good Morning America" film segment that was taped at the camp. Her PBGV companions, Scout, and later, Peabody, adored her and she was a tolerant and gentle big sister to them. Playing ball was a favorite pastime of Kinsey's and many friends recall her unusual version of this game: chasing and tagging a tennis ball while always keeping another ball firmly in her mouth. Throughout her life Kinsey's four favorite activities were (in this order): eating, playing ball, going on walks (a.k.a. dragging us on a

leash), and riding in our boat on Nantahala Lake. It was a memorable occasion when many of her four-legged and two-legged friends gathered at our lake house for a party in honor of her 13th birthday.

When she was diagnosed with liver cancer in February 2006 it was estimated that she would live only another three months. Instead of that, we were truly blessed to have her almost eleven additional months. We cherished this special time together, enjoying another summer at Nantahala, her 15th birthday, and our last Christmas together. The picture above was taken on her 15th birthday, only one month before she passed away. She has left a huge hole in our hearts. We shall never forget her. She was the best. ~ Charlotte Day and Frank Smith, Atlanta, Georgia

*"Life is eternal and love is immortal.
Death is only a horizon, and a horizon is nothing save the limit of our
sight."
~Rossiter W. Raymond*