

## *In Memoriam -- Ben Dale*



Ben Nolan Dale, age 72, of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, died peacefully at home on Monday, April 26, 2010, after a brief illness. Ben was born in Shelby, North Carolina, and served in the U.S. Army from 1958 to 1964. After being honorably discharged from active service, Ben began his lifelong profession as a medical researcher and later as a manager of large research projects at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. Upon his retirement, Ben and his beloved wife Donna, moved to Gettysburg, PA.

In the mid-1960's, Ben and Donna became interested in the sport of purebred dogs. One of their first dogs was a Kerry Blue Terrier that Ben trained in obedience. In 1969, Ben and Donna acquired their foundation Skye Terrier, Ch. Jo Jac's Rise and Shine. Shortly thereafter, they founded the Gleanntan Kennels Skye Terrier program, and registered the Gleanntan kennel name with the American Kennel Club.

Over a period of 30 years, Ben and Donna Dale earned a reputation for producing a family of Skye Terriers of exceptional quality. Gleanntan Skye Terriers earned many awards including all-breed Bests in Show, and national and regional specialty wins. Their Skyes were also top producers in the breed.

In addition to their successful breeding program, both Ben and Donna became well-known and respected judges, both in the USA and abroad. Ben was AKC-approved to judge all Terriers, all Hounds, and many of the Sporting breeds.

Ben was active in a number of dog clubs, serving as president of the Maryland Kennel Club and as treasurer of the National Capital Kennel Club. He served on the Board of the Columbia Terrier Club of Maryland, and was a member of the Potomac Sky Terrier Club, a regional club that he and Donna helped to found in 1970. Ben was also a member of the Mason-Dixon Dog Judges Association.

Ben will be sorely missed and his friends will fondly remember his keen intellect and his wonderful sense of humor.