

Remembering Those Who Have Recently Passed Away



Orville Maxwell

*Submitted by Gary Dembski,
Crystal Lake, Illinois*

In loving memory of founding Land of Lincoln club member and board member and member of WWSDA Orville Maxwell passed away October 5, 2011 at the age of 78. Our hearts and support go out to his family, his wife, Bev, his children and his beloved border collies. Services for Orville were held on Saturday, October 15. Visitation was be from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Hammitt-Hott Funeral Home in Princeville, Illinois. Graveside services followed in Dunlap.

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Bev (Orville Maxwell's wife) also passed away October 23, 2011.

Orville's son, Steve is still at Orville's place. If you would like to send a card, send it to Steve Maxwell, 9014 W. Legion Hall Rd, Dunlap, IL 61525



Vince and Mary Metcalf

Submitted by Jean Bass and Margaret Phillipson

"Our Memories of Mary Metcalf" Many WWSDA members will have first met Mary manning the "gate" at our annual Labor Day Weekend trial. Until the last couple years when declining health prevented her taking on this job, Mary was the cheerful "face" of our club. She engaged every new attendee in friendly and knowledgeable

explanations of all the ins and outs of sheep dog trialling. In the process of which she assured the club of record gate receipts because spectators armed with knowledge and greeted with friendship wanted to come back for more!

Mary and husband Vince joined WWSDA in the early 1980's. Mary was appointed director to the board in June 1986 and served until 1990. Vince became the president of WWSDA in 1990. Vince and Mary hosted clinics at the Portage County Fairgrounds in 1987 - 1989 with son in-law, Jack Knox, as the instructor. They also had several fun days at their farm in Montello, Wisconsin. Mary was the trial secretary for the Labor Day trials from 1987 to 1990.



Jim Chaffin

*Submitted by John Seraphine,
Sycamore, Illinois*

As a tribute to our dear friend, Jim Chaffin, the following was posted on Sheepdog-L e-mail list by John Seraphine. It was later shared at the funeral for Jim, which was attended by many members of WWSDA. Some requested that it also be posted in the newsletter.

Dear Friends of Sheepdogs:

I have just been notified that Jim Chaffin has died and I want to share with everyone a few thoughts.

As Jim has been a constant source of good will for all of us in the sheepdog world, we must now be a source of consolation and support for Lola and the entire family. We must live out our

thanks in every way we can.

We thank Jim for going all out—for going over and beyond anyone's expectations. We thank him for being kind to all people around him no matter how things were going for him on the trial field. We thank him for working so hard to beat Lola and the rest of us—for training his dogs up to a very high standard and always being a danger for bumping others out of the prize list. We thank Jim for his keen observations about our world—about the host of politicians that have made it necessary for us to hope for better days and the host of great people who have made it possible to be hopeful.

We thank Jim for putting the good of the tradition of shepherding above his own interests. We thank him for always thinking of novice and youth handlers in the way he organized trials and offered clinics.

We thank him for running the "Year End Awards" program for the Wisconsin Working Stock Dog Association for many years, and for being the inspiration behind that program.

We thank Jim for putting on one of the greatest trials in the nation. We thank him for going that extra mile of offering up to four open runs at each year's trial. We thank him for putting out fantastic sheep that gave everyone a good challenge with a fair chance. We thank him for the immense amount of work that he put out and for doing it all with a smile on his face.

We thank Jim for loving his sheepdog world friends so much that he fought off nagging fatigue to put on the Chaffin Trial one more time this year. We thank Jim for all the fabulous handlers' dinners at the Chaffin Trials, and especially for the last couple where he freely gave out countless hugs and dances, even to the sounds of spirited Bluegrass music.

We thank Jim for showing us all how to life fully and well: how to be a good friend, a good husband and a good dad. And, of course, we thank Lola for working tirelessly beside Jim in all of these endeavors. Please let us know how we may work beside you now.