
DEDICATION TO WILLIAM H HOLBROOK

The Overlake Collie Club and the Collie Club of Washington dedicate our February 2020 Collie Specialty Shows weekend to our irreplaceable friend William H Holbrook and his wonderful memories.

When searching for Mr. Holbrook's shining star on the Wall of Collie history, we find it double sized as "Bill and Jidge" since they were inseparable and universally loved, respected and adored by the collie world! The Holbrook tandem team success combined Bill's "business by the book" approach to helping others with Jidge's great love and knowledge of collies, then mixed it with a double dose of love and kindness toward family or friend.



Bill and Jidge life experiences



Wedding picture

The Nebraska Days 1939-1954:

- *1939 From a family that loved collies, Jidge purchased her own first collie, the Count of Buffington in 1939.
- * 1940, Stephen Field, being impressed with Buff, mated him to his beautiful golden sable bitch Lodstone Bandoliera II (Lady) for her first litter. This was a couple of years before Lady's second litter when she was bred to Ch. Silver Ho Shining Arrow that produced Ch. Silver Ho Parader, foundation stud of the Parader dynasty.
- *1942-46, Bill served in the military in WWII, Jidge to University of Nebraska.
- *1947, Lincoln Nebraska High School Buddies Are Married

The California Days: 1954-1974:

The Holbrook family's years in what I would call the magical Southern California Collie mecca. It was a time for establishing lifetime friendships and collie memories from hands-on knowledge from benched shows and visiting famous collie kennels. Jidge likes to say "It was a time when Bill was bitten by the incurable dog show bug syndrome that progressed from breeder-exhibitor, to licensed all breed professional handler, to licensed judge and then in Washington state to AKC Field Representative."

The Northwest Days: 1975-2019:

As Bill served many years as AKC Field Representative here in western Washington, you just knew he would be at each show and his presence would produce only effectively and efficiently run shows. It was like he was the host and all just naturally wanted to show their best sportsmanship behavior because Bill was in charge. Bill's efforts were often quietly behind the scene but always effective. As a very strong and thriving club, the Overlake Collie Club spent the entire 1980's jumping thru every hoop and obstacle that the AKC placed before them in order to be allowed to once again sponsor AKC Sanctioned shows. Whatever went wrong decades before was severe enough that "the word was" that the Show Sanctioned approval would never return to Overlake CC. FINALLY! After completing all qualifying AKC requirements for years, approval for the 1991 Show WAS RECEIVED! Members BELIEVED in their heart of hearts that final APPROVAL, WAS approved DUE TO Bill's respected influence!



Bill Judging 1978 Louisville CCA, CH Tartanside The Gladiator, BOB From Veterans Class

THANK YOU FOR BEING THERE WITH AND FOR US ALL THESE YEARS BILL!



Bill and Jidge At Their 64th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Also a special special thanks to Bill and Jidge's daughter Nancy and their granddaughter Jenny for providing such love and comfort in care for Jidge and Bill in their later years!
