

In Memory of

Terry Smith

The German Shepherd Dog Club of Canada dedicated the 2009 National Show to Terry Smith.

It saddens me to announce the passing of Terry Smith on May 4, 2009.

The German Shepherd Dog Club of Canada lost one of its' Directors and Second Vice President after his lengthy battle with cancer.

The GSDCC has lost a dedicated Champion of the Sport and Breed. Our deepest condolences we give to Sharon and the members of their family and his many friends.



Terry's passion for the German Shepherd and canine sports was a big part of his life. He had many associations with German Shepherd Clubs, small samples that come to mind:

Trial Director of the Ontario Region Schutzhund Association

Director for the German Shepherd Dog Club of Canada Inc.

Tracking Council for the CKC

Director of the Saugeen Schutzhund Club

Director of the London GSD Club

CKC Tracking Judge

2nd Vice President of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Canada Inc.

He always spoke of building bridges between these groups for the greater good of the Total German Shepherd. He had a world of knowledge, ranging from his pilot career with Air Canada to his Mechanic Shop to the 29 K9 Bomb Dog Department. He organized, trained and deployed worldwide for 3M. He also went on high profile Search and Rescue missions, many times solo, all because he was told that people needed the help. He always put the needs of others before his own until the very end. He motivated and supported others in reaching their goals which was always talked about and never about his declining condition. The last three months Terry spent time organizing repairs to any deficiencies of their home so that he would not be leaving Sharon with needed renovation concerns.

He was truly the type of man that you want yourself to be or others to be more like. Terry was a great leader, mentor and coach to many. His commitment to others only surpassed by his kind human nature.

His passing is a tremendous loss to everyone who knew him and will be long remembered by everyone whose lives he touched. Terry was my colleague, my companion, fellow competitor and best friend.

You will never be forgotten.

Your Friend Always,

Pando Stephanis

Past Director GSDCC Inc.