

Norwegian Elkhound Notes 6th April 2026

There has been no show news this week but many thanks to Maggie Mott for sending the following sad news. Some of our long-term Club Members will remember these two lovely ladies well and will have met them at the after show get togethers with Barbara Stokes.

Maggie wrote:

“Ours wasn't a terribly joyous Easter after receiving a message late Saturday night that one of our NECGB members had passed away. Anne Spencer let us know that her partner of many years, Margaret Hamnett passed about 10 p.m. on Easter eve. While certainly not unexpected and knowing she had been going downhill the last few weeks, she lived a long and very interesting life passing at a grand 95 years of age. She had been bedridden for quite some time but never lost her spirit and was always wanting to know what was going on in the Elkhound world and telling us stories of her past Elkhounds, Buhunds and Samoyeds.

While I know some of you have known both Anne and Margaret from the past, newer members may not have known them, but they were both skilled nurses who both worked their way up through the ranks and once acquainted joined forces through both their profession and love of dogs. They joined the NECGB in 1984 and have been members ever since even though they haven't owned an Elkhound now in quite a few years.

They were so kind to us when we moved here, with Anne soon offering to dog sit some of our dogs when we were off to shows. We know we absolutely could not have been able to accomplish what we have since moving here without them. They were thrilled to have Elkhounds back in the house again if only for a day or two whilst we were away and Margaret relished when Brecon would make her way upstairs and keep her company on her bed.

Sally and I are feeling a great sense of loss and spent a good part of today with Anne, both laughing and crying and helping her to sort out what will need to be done in the coming weeks. A life well lived and a promise made by Anne due to her nursing skills to allow Margaret to die in peace in her own home was kept.

If anyone would like to send a card to Anne, the address is 18 Felin Hafren, Abermule, Powys SY15 6NE. I'm sure she would appreciate it.

Thanks,

Maggie”

Personally, now on a brighter note, Happy Birthday today to my husband.

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