

## Marilyn Conner Tribute

On June 24<sup>th</sup>, we were shocked and saddened to learn of the sudden passing of Marilyn Conner. Marilyn was a long-time member, trainer and former officer of SNKC. She was awarded a Life Membership by the club in 2024. For over 30 years, she was a trainer of our puppy, obedience and rally classes. During that time, Marilyn touched numerous lives throughout the community. So many of our members recall Marilyn as the first person that they ever met when they had gotten a puppy early in their dog experiences. Her enthusiasm and encouragement helped to guide owners toward further training in dog sports and companion events. Many also chose to join SNKC because of Marilyn's involvement in the club.

Marilyn was proud to be instrumental in the establishment of and launch of the ASCA Scent Detection Committee and chaired the first ASCA Scent trial in the country for PENN-NY ASC. She also chaired a number of obedience and rally trials for that club, as well as SNKC and other dog training organizations.

Marilyn worked at Giant, then Weis for 47 years as head bookkeeper. She graduated from UEHS, and SUNY Cobleskill with an Associates Degree in Animal Science.

She is survived by her son Brian Conner and wife Stephanie; grandchildren Isabella, Joseph, and Daniel and sisters Eileen Heaton and Teresa Heaton, as well as her extended family and many, many friends. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

