

COMMON SCENTS

Lenape Tracking Club of Central New Jersey

MARIAN G. RUCH

**Marian G. Ruch, 70, died October, 24, 2008
at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.**

Marian was born in Port Washington, N.Y. and formerly of North Plainfield and Watchung before moving to Somerville over 30 years ago. She retired from Hoechst Celanese Corp. in Bridgewater in 1996 after 27 years of service, lastly as supervisor of human resources and the Northeast Regional Supply and Distribution. She received her BA degree from the University of Miami in German and psychology, her MA degree from Farley Dickerson University in psychology, and her MA and PHD degrees from Rutgers University in cultural anthropology.

She was a recipient of the National Wildlife Federation fellowship suburbanization and the challenge to family farming. She was a member of the Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity and Delta Phi Alpha of the National German Honor Society. She was a member, newsletter editor and past president of the Mid-Jersey Labrador Retriever Club and club secretary of the Lenape Tracking Club of NJ.

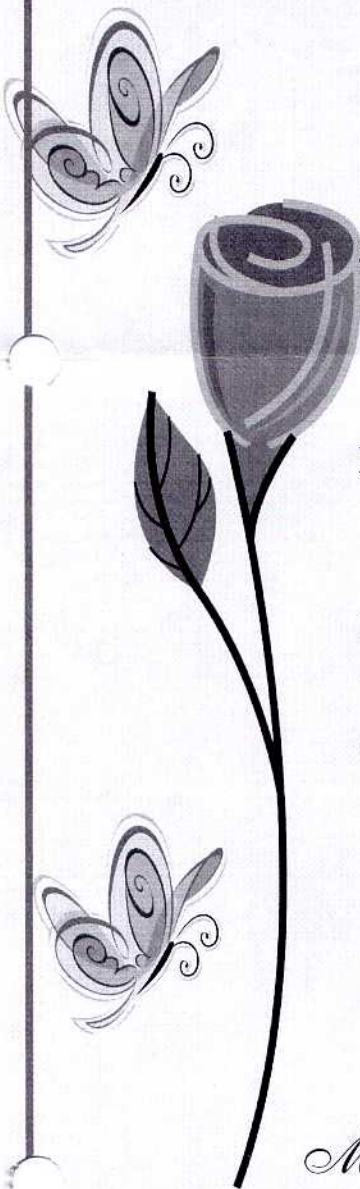
Surviving are two brothers, Donald L. Ruch and William Ruch, and his wife Lois.

Private services were held under the direction of Bruce C. VanArsdale Funeral Home, 111 N. Gaston Ave., Somerville, (908) 725-3111.

Contributions can be made to the Literacy Volunteers of Somerset County, People Care Center, 120 FINDERNE AVE., BRIDGEWATER, NJ

08807. To send condolences to the family visit <http://www.brucecvanarsdalefuneralhome.com/>

Mimi Ruch will remain in our hearts & memories forever



GOT NEWS!



FROM CHUCK SCHULTZ:

My black Lab, Cruiser, got her ASCA TD on Sunday, Nov 23rd at the Garden State Australian Shepherd Association. She is now *Gullwing PT's Penelope Cruiser, AKC/CKC/ASCA TD*. I posted the video of her track, see the links near the top of her tracking page at http://www.gullwinglabradors.com/cruisers_tracking_page.html . I've been working on her starts recently. The video shows that she is still a little slow out of the gate, but once she was on track, she never lifted her head once. I was very happy with how she performed, especially after a couple of recent TDX failures.

Cruiser had the honor of receiving the very first TD issued by the GSASA. My thanks to everyone involved.

FROM JOHN ETCHELLS:

As Chief Tracklayer for this year's Certification Day, I would like to personally thank Pat Etchells and Chuck Schultz for giving up most of two days to lay track for the Club. From a "boots on the ground" standpoint, they made it possible for the dogs entered to have the opportunity to certify.

I would also like to thank Peter and Mollie Heide for the hospitality they extended to all of us this weekend. Their help and "behind-the-scenes" work in hosting the event help to make this another class act for Lenape - and they make it look so easy! They really make it a fun event to work.

This year we had 6 dogs entered and 3 certified - 2 Chessies and Cardigan, so all in all, it was a pretty good day!

FROM GAIL THOMPSON:

Tani finished his UD April 10th, at the Lebanon County show in Harrisburg



Well, we finally got approval from Camp Tecumseh for holding the TED there on April 4th. Now we have to set up 4 or three followup dates. The last followup usually is the first week in June.

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