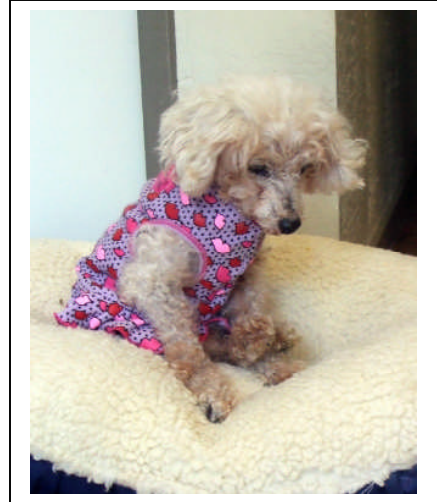


Lily

Dear friends,

At 130am today, just ten minutes before my alarm was due to remind me to tend to another, I was awoken by sweet Lily's soft bark from the bed beside me. Her old heart was spent and the time had come for her to leave us.

She clearly wished me to be there to say goodbye and I cuddled Her close and she died as gently and peacefully in my arms as anyone could ever wish for. Surrounded in love, with cats Bentley, Oliver, Stefanie, Betsy, Sophie and Ginny and Joey dog too, Lily did not look back. We were joined for a final fare-thee-well by Richard and Fray as this sweet old girl softly stole away.



Our love for this little old lady dog began in September of 2006 when she was taken to a shelter to be euthanized.

Interesting that we loved her for all the very reasons she was to be killed – too old, in her late teens, dirty and scruffy, heart trouble, incontinent, deaf and blind, covered in warts and other lumps and bumps, no longer able to cope with her.....We give our thanks to friend Sheryl and her daughter Cory for thinking of us so promptly and to our very own Susanna for her soft heart that broke, as she tried in vain to convince Lily's owner to keep her in her dotage.

Darling Lil, or "Phyllis Diller" as sometimes fondly referred to, settled into her new life easily and, with the talented help of fabulous BrightHaven friend and classical veterinary homeopath Adriana Sagrera, she blossomed once more, and her beauty shone from within.

Despite a weekly bath and cuddle from friend Maureen, our Lil remained happily a scruffy and somewhat dirty looking old lady and everyone loved her all the more for it!

Lily became a familiar sight as she stumbled her way around our sprawling house...a little sad? – hmmm – I guess old age brings its troubles to us all, but I have to wonder how she always managed to find her way to the kitchen for breakfast, lunch and dinner too! Volunteers knew that Lily loved a cuddle and so there was always a pair of warm and friendly arms waiting to carry her awhile before another nap.

Lily loved the company of animals too and when I write her obituary I will show some of her cute photos with her friends. For now I am attaching just one cute shot in her favorite dress!

The word hospice can be scary to some, but the love and care of the elderly or infirm can be such a joy and Lily was the living proof!

With my love and blessings

Gail

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