



## Dutch Sparks

March 23, 1998 - June 13, 2011

Our beloved Dutch passed peacefully in the comfort of his home June 13, 2011, following a courageous months-long battle with multiple ailments. Sired by an Alaskan Malamute, he was born March 23, 1998 of Cocoa Caupp, a Chocolate Lab.

Always very affectionate, Dutch was happiest in the presence of his people. He was by my side at all times for as long as he was able to climb onto the bed and into the truck. He and Foster, our Border Collie Mix, joined us for our honeymoon where Dutch, as ever, enjoyed playing frisbee, swimming, hiking wooded trails, and lounging by a crackling fire.

Dutch hadn't an aggressive bone in his body. He never bit another living creature. I have and will continue to thank God for the time we shared and life lessons Dutch taught me. I could not have dreamed of nor wished for a more wonderful companion. Sally and I are better human beings for his being such an integral part of our lives.

Gone, but never forgotten, Dutch and the love he brought to all who knew him will live on in our hearts forever.

### Meeting Dutch-Then and Again

When I met Dutch I was forty-one,  
Never been married, I had no son.  
He filled an unknown void I had

Dutch was my boy and I was his Dad.

Inseparable; Together at every turn  
More than anyone Dutch helped me learn  
Patience and love; "Be happy today,  
Don't be so serious and take time to play."

My heart aches deeply now that we've parted  
But I know we'll pick up again where we started.  
He awaits by the river in the meadow that sings  
To share the adventure that Heaven brings.

# Tribute Wall

MW

“ I have very fond memories of Dutch and the love you shared with him. Dutch's bandanas inspired me to do the same. Whenever I wear one I think of your wonderful companion Dutch and what it means to have just plain, simple, God blessed love...

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**Michelle Winegardner** - June 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Dutch your daddy loved you very much. I miss you at Northwood but find peace that you are no longer sick and can be by that river....

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**Briana** - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to you both,we know you loved Dutch very much and did everything you could, But God looked down and knew he was suffering and in pain so he called him home. Dutch is in a better place now. But remember you have so many memories that made him a special part of your life,dwell on those and celebrate his life. May God bless you all and help you through the healing process.

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**Brent & Patti** - June 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ I'm so happy that you had so many great memories together.....

*"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass...it's about learning to dance in the rain"*

*In God's Love.....*

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**Rex & Paula Phillips** - June 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ I am so sorry to hear about Dutch. He was the best for sure, and you were the best dad to him. He couldn't have had a better home or a better life. You gave him the best. He was truly lucky to have you and Sally and Foster. God blessed your family when he gave all of you each other. Brion, your memorial to Dutch is beautiful, it truly shows how much you love and care for him. My heart is broken for you. I love you guys and will pray that God will comfort your heart and ease your pain.

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**Kristie Parkison** - June 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Brion & Sally,  
Our thoughts are with you at this very sad time. It's very, very hard to lose a faithful friend. He's left you with many wonderful memories.

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**The Clemmer Family** - June 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dutch seemed like a wonderful friend and companion. Beautiful memorial in remembrance. When my children were little we bought a black lab. Best dog to have with little ones. We lived on 20 acres of woods so Pepper and the children would play and run all day. Pepper would even go down the kids slide with them. May your loss hold many happy memories.

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**Debby Brooks** - June 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ What a wonderful poem and great way to honor a friend and family member. May God bless you both.

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**John Senger** - June 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Dear Brion, and Sally:  
I am so sorry to hear about Dutch.  
You both did all you could do to help him, and I know if Dutch could talk, he would say, Thank you for loving me all my life, and taking such good care of me.  
I hope my Bear greeted him, on his way over, and both of them, now without any pain, are playing together, just waiting for us, to join them.  
God Bless you both. Love Sandy

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**Sandy Lycett** - June 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

OF

“ Our thoughts are with you. I hope that happy thoughts of the time you had with Dutch will help you through this difficult time.

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**O'Neill Family** - June 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ I know how hard it is to lose these special companions. You're in my thoughts and prayers, and I think of Dutch over 'the rainbow bridge' romping with all those who have gone before him. He's touched your lives forever and that will never end.

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**Rebecca Lysohir** - June 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I will always remember Dutch as a very calm and peaceful dog, a wonderful companion and frisbee catcher.  
May he have fun playing in heaven with a new, healthy, astral body!

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**Susan Schenck** - June 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Brion and Sally, Kevin and I are so sad to hear of Dutch's passing. I know you enjoyed being his people. He sounds like he was a great companion. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Melanie and Kevin Hall** - June 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *I am very sorry to hear about your loss. My prayers are with you in this time of sorrow.*

*May the peace of our Lord and Savior keep you comforted.*

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**Tammy Clifton** - June 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ *I met Dutch one week short of 13 years ago, I fell in love with him at first sight. He had a special kind of love, an unconditional love that I will always hold in my heart, there was nothing like what I came to call "Dutchie Lovies". Our house seems so empty without him and my heart aches. However I have cherished memories of our special Dutch to carry with me till we meet again someday. We were truly blessed to have him in our lives.*

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**Sally** - June 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *What a beautiful memorial and poem, for such a wonderful devoted friend, that you had in your precious companion Dutch. Memories last a lifetime. God bless you and the rest of your family, and know that others share your heartache and sorrow.*

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**Deborah Long** - June 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM