



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
HollySue Erwin

Age 66 of Bloomington, died unexpectedly on Sunday
April 13, 2008.

Preceded in death by parents Frank and Mary Balcerzak.

Survived children, Laurel Falck (Tim), Shawn Erwin,
granddaughter, Kathryn Falck, brother, Mark Balcerzak.

HollySue grew up in Mankato, Minnesota, and graduated
Mankato High School class of 1959. While in high
school, some of her many activities included teaching
ballet and tap dance. Her father, Frank Balcerzak, served
on the Mankato City Council and owned Guaranteed
Sand and Gravel Company. HollySue was an English
Major and graduate of Macalester College in St. Paul,
Minnesota. As a talented musician, she was an
accomplished violinist and enjoyed playing bagpipes.

She was passionate about animals, especially her dogs
and cats and was very successful in the show ring,
earning two Canadian National Championships with one
of her best Dobermans. She formerly owned "Exo-Ti-
Katz Cattery," and "Doberwin Dobermanns," and
enjoyed teaching dog obedience classes in Mankato and
Minneapolis. Later she was a Quality Control Inspector
for a leading hearing aid company for over 30 years.

Memorial Service 11AM on Saturday, May 10, 2008
Albin Chapel, 6855 Rowland Road,
Eden Prairie, MN. 55344.

Private Interment
Woodland Hills Cemetery,
Mankato, MN.

Memorials are preferred to
Donor's Choice.

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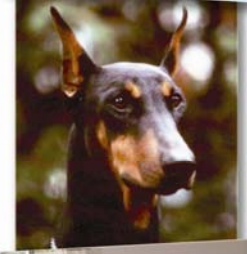
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Holly Sue Balcerzak poses with her German shepherd dogs. Holly has brought the dogs to the Mac campus and to freshman camp. She trains the dogs at her home at Markatale, Minn.

Holly Balcerzak Has Multitude Of Talents

By ANNE HASTINGS

Holly Sue Balcerzak, a Mac freshman, leads the unusual and busy life of a student, dancer, dog-trainer, violinist, and fencer. When she isn't studying or obedience training Fanny Mac, President Rice's skye terrier, Holly makes plans for future dog shows in which she will show her Blitzen IX C.D., a 22-month old purebred German shepherd—been training him since I got him as a three-month old puppy in May 1958." She explained that she studied training, or amateur handling for two years before she bought Blitzen. Books, circulars, judges, breeder, magazines and dog shows were her source of learning.

When asked why she prefers German shepherds, Holly said, "I wanted a dog of the working breed. You see, there are sporting dogs, terrier dogs, toy dogs and other specific groups. I didn't want a house dog, and the most intelligent dog next to the baberman rancher (a house dog) is the German shepherd. He is a person's dog, of terrific loyalty to one, two or three persons.

In order to feed and kennel Blitzen and Nike (her eleven-month old shepherd) Holly has taught ballet to 150 people over the last five years, most of whom were children. She also worked with polio victims, handicapped children and muscular dystrophy patients. When asked of her ribbons and trophies earned by Blitzen and Nike, said Holly, "That signifies he has won his Champion Dog obedience degree. And I know he'll win many more."

