

Angus P. McPhee

Angus P. McPhee came into my husband's family in 1998 (before we were married) at two and a half years old. My mother-in-law was fighting cancer at the time and living alone, having just split with her husband. Her children lived in other states and couldn't be with her at the time. Angus did her a world of good, getting her out of the house, taking her on walks, exercising and giving her hope that she would beat the cancer. They were inseparable.

However, the time came when the cancer was too much and Angus needed a new home. Even though she had never met



Angus P. McPhee, the Cairn Terrier that touched the hearts of two families.

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Angus (nor my mother-in-law), my mother generously offered to take him in. My father was not the small dog type. He preferred large, masculine dogs – like Hobbs, their Weimeriner with severe separation anxiety. My dad didn't like Angus and said so on more than one occasion. But Angus had yet to work his magic.

Not long after Angus settled in, Hobbs lost his desperation to be with my parents all the time. He went from practically breaking windows to follow them out the door and destroying furniture to being content to hang out with magical little Angus. Even my father commented on what a change Angus seemed to have brought about.

As years went on, Angus sealed a place in everyone's heart in our family, having been a big part of my mother-in-law's struggle and peace making at my parent's house. This issue is dedicated to Mr. Angus P. McPhee. The little guy passed away of congestive heart failure in January. He will be missed by many.

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-Gretel Hakanson

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