Dear Joanne,

I received a letter from the K-State Pet Tribute Coordinator telling me that you have made a contribution in Yukon’s name. I was very touched when I read that and don’t even know how to thank you. It’s very humbling to know that my very special boy was also viewed that way by other people.

As you are well aware I was having a hard time dealing with Yukon’s illness. He went from a very active Poodle to the very sick dog you saw in less than a month. I can’t tell you how much I appreciate your kindness and I will always remember you asking me if I needed a hug when I arrived that Wednesday morning… that hug really was special!

I now have Yukon’s remains and we are planning on a small ceremony on his Birthday in May. I want to spread his ashes at Branched Oak Lake Recreation Area located just north of Lincoln, Nebraska; we hiked there many times during his life and it was the last place he ran and enjoyed life before he became ill.

I’m still having a hard time believing he is gone; our house seems strangely empty. But I have Woola my 10 year old Standard and Balto my 10 month border collie to keep me busy now so things are getting back to normal.

Thanks so much for helping me through this.

Steve and Eileen Soberski