

KATHLEEN SHIRES

It is with much sorrow that the Ramblers will remember the passing away of Kathy Shires on July 19, 1974. Kathy suffered from a legacy of respiratory ailments from her childhood and as time went on, was forced to spend an increasing amount of time in hospital. Her health had been in serious condition before, but always her will to live had overcome the problems and she could return to home and to work. Eventually, however, she gradually had to curtail many of her activities, including hiking, and finally the respiratory problems were too much for her or the doctors to solve.

Kathy had been in the Ramblers since the mid sixties and served as an officer of the club for three successive years, two years as secretary from 1968 to 1970 and one year as treasurer from 1970 to 1971. I can sincerely write that Kathy was one of the most dedicated officers the Ramblers have known.

One of Kathy's most remarkable qualities was the cheerfulness with which she lived her life, in hospital or out of it and with full knowledge that she would not live to an old age. As long as Kathy was able to participate in sport or in hiking, she did so.

Many Ramblers assisted Kathy in many ways in her illnesses, and a few Ramblers spent a great deal of time with her in her last few months. They, and all of us who have known Kathy, deeply miss her.

Brian Crummy