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MR.

BILL

NY2U/SK

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William "Mr. Bill" Eddy, NY2U became a silent key on Wednesday evening September 28, 2011 at Samaritan Hospital in Troy following a long illness.

Bill, a founding member and long time president of the Troy Amateur Radio Association (TARA), was the heart and soul of the club. He helped theme the "*More than a club, we are family!*" motto that defined the club. In death, as in life, the family element came through during the days following with remembrances and tributes from the capital region amateur radio community and from ham radio operators nationally and internationally.

One of the most touching tributes came at the time when Bill's immediate and club family were about to gather at the cemetery following a wonderful service at the Doran Funeral Home in Troy presided by Fr. James Mackey. During the procession the editor had his HT on tuned to the 145.17 Mhz repeater. An extended CW message was coming in over the air - unusual on a repeater other than the ID call - which was interpreted as a final farewell to NY2U in code. After the graveside ceremony a number of ham operators sent out verbal finals to Mr. Bill.

God Bless and 73 & 88 old man. You will always be remembered.

Remembrances and Tributes to NY2U

"All of our hearts are broken at the loss of our friend. Bill was more than another ham. He was a beloved brother to all of us. We are all blessed to know him and he added LIGHT in our lives. Let all of us keep that LIGHT shining. He would want us to do that!"

"I remember the early meetings in Bill's Garage especially the Brownies, Mr Bill will truly be missed." --
Craig, W2XAD

"Eternal rest grant unto 'Mr. Bill' O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen."

--73 de Br. Rich, KC2FOL

"Marybeth and I are so sorry to hear this news. We only knew Bill a few years but were always impressed with his wit, leadership, kindness and ability to get things done. He had a great way with people that few folks have."

"What a great friend you were, thanks Mr. Bill! You left an epic impression on my life!"

--Mark, KV4I

"He is going to be missed by a very large number of people who he has touched the hearts of over the years. My prayers are with him and his mom."

--Eric, W2EEC

"Sorry to hear about "Mr. Bill - NY2U" he will be missed, I've been a Ham for 5 years now and I made friends with a lot of Hams but Mr. Bill was the best, I will miss his "What's for Lunch" and him naming me "Ham-burglar John", and he was so good to everybody, very thoughtful, always concerned for your fellow Hams, Rest in peace Buddy, We all loved you..."

--John/KC2PGL

"Oh my Oh my... so sorry..."

--Steve, WB2IQU

"It is ever so sad to hear that he has passed away. Like his dear mom. I feel ever so privileged to have known them. 2 very great people that touched every one I am so sorry. MAY YOU BOTH REST IN PEACE."

--Eddy, M3HME

"We have all lost a very dear friend and for me, I lost my Elmer. Bill encouraged me to go farther in amateur radio than I ever would have and my 30 wpm CW certificate ought to have Bill's name on it as well.

The deep sorrow I feel is tempered knowing that Bill is out of pain and is in peace with his mother and father. Bill joins a very distinguished line of comrades of mine that I have lost over the years and he is as tall as any of them.

Here's to you dear absent comrade. Rest in peace."

--"Colonel" Bob Dillon

"Mr Bill was a special person and a giant of a man. He helped all of us, and did so in many ways. He set an example of what class was should be, he was a gentlemen and scholar. The man never complained, he had more guts and courage then ten men - with a heart just as big.

He was a mentor, a leader and a true friend who watched over us - he made sure I made it home from work many a night before mom put him to bed.

The biggest laugh I had with Mr. Bill was around 2002 if I remember right – he wanted to try software out to see how well it would run his rig through the computer - with the copy right & registration on it you could only install it once on a PC "Unless there was another household member", so I wrote the owner and told him "Mr. Bill is my significant other"..... so when the copy arrived I brought it to Mr. Bill..... then I explained to him what I had to say to get another copy - for as long as I live I will never forget the look on his face that day..... Priceless.....

NY2U Gave me "Hot Nacho Cheese" and he liked "Have Nice Christmas"

I don't think it should be NY2U – SK, I think it's a little different this time - how about NY2U - "73 For Now"

--de KC2HNC, Ed Eades

"The passing of Mr. Bill, NY2U, is a tremendous loss for TARA as well as for the amateur radio community as a whole. Some of us will remember how Mr. Bill was a founding member of TARA that started with meetings in his garage and grew to one of the major forces in the capital region amateur radio community. Even when he was in convalescence in recent years he presence was still felt - and will continue to be felt - at club meetings, Field Day and club outings like the summer picnics and public service events.

Let us continue his legacy as what we truly are. A FAMILY!"

73 Mr. Bill!

--Dick, W2ABY

"We all shall have fond memories of "Mr. Bill" His remembrances of the good old days @ WPTR were never forgotten.

May he rest in our memories...."

--Dan Daniels, WPTR Action Central News

"We were all better people for knowing him. A better friend I will never have."

--Dave W2VS

"I can't say how sad I am right now. Knowing it was always a possibility, I still convinced myself this was not going to happen.

We'll miss our Mr. Bill always."

--Beth, KC2BSC

"NY2U, Mr Bill, will be missed by all who knew him.

My Condolences to all, may God Comfort us in our time of Loss.

My Bill, is now with his Mom and Dad.

NY2U SK"

--73 K2HAT Lee Hatfield Jr

"When you get there Billy, keep an eye on us ..."

--73's John W2PTR

"...this was news that I wished you didn't have to send. Bill's whole reason for living was buried last week and now Bill will be joining his Mom and Dad. His years of pain and suffering have ended for him but will continue for those who knew him for many years to come. Mr. Bill was a one in a million person who made all of our lives better for knowing him, Rest easy my Buddy."

--Jack, N2LBZ

"I was very sorry to read about Mr. Bill's passing.

I am planning to post a message to the ATVET-EXAMS Yahoo group.

I plan to dedicate our next two Volunteer exam sessions (October 8 and November 12) to the memory of Mr. Bill.

Mr. Bill would want ATVET and the VE exams to continue.

He would also want TARA and its many members and friends to continue.

I encourage all to help each other through this difficult time."

--'73, Gerald W. Murray, WA2IWW

