

Silent key– Chris Price W7CHP

On 08 November 2024 the amateur radio community lost a giant friend and elmer. James Bennett KK7AVS said, *He was a great friend and a real great mentor in the hobby, and I absolutely loved working with him. He was very involved with ARES as well as making sure we all stay connected in a disaster or whatever might come our way.*

Chris volunteered as a ride marshal with UtahSAG for numerous charity bike rides. This motivated him to obtain his Technician Class license in 2014, and he became KG7LRD. Chris then upgraded to General Class in April 2020, and finally to Extra Class in December 2020. In February 2021, he changed his call sign to W7CHP. Chris was a VE (volunteer examiner), an ARRL member, and participated in SLCOARES. He was last a member of **SDARC (Sinbad Desert Amateur Radio Club)** and the Utah VHF Society.



From the comfort of his Sandy home, Chris became the net control operator for the Thursday morning net of the **Sunshine Coast Amateur Radio Club VK4WIS**, located in Queensland, Australia. He was a regular check-in on the weekly Salt Lake 10-meter Net, and has joined several nets in the Salt Lake area. He became a contender for the **ORARI (Organizer Amateur Radio Indonesia) award** in July 2024 for his FT8 contacts on 20 meters.



A Pennsylvania native, Chris had a love of cars at an early age, and that love led him to a Mechanical Engineering degree from Lehigh University. He worked in his career as a mechanical engineer at companies such as ICI America, Ford Motor Company, Hercules, and retired as Vice President of Engineered Storage Products. He celebrated an “end of life crisis” by acquiring a red Shelby Cobra.



You can read more about Chris and his life on [his obituary](#) and on [his QRZ page](#).

73, Chris. You'll be missed by many.