

Silent key – Cindi Vega KJ7ZLJ



Just a few days before Thanksgiving 2024, our friend Cindi Vega KJ7ZLJ returned home to her maker.

Having been born blind in 1971, Cindi had attended schools for the blind in Ogden and Salt Lake City, and eventually became an advocate for individuals with disabilities during much of her life. She even read braille during masses at St. Thomas More Parish in Cottonwood Heights. Cindi graduated from Brighton High School in 1991 and with a bachelor's degree from Weber State University in 1997.

While at Weber State, Cindi encountered Bill Mullett AB7MO (now SK), who helped her study for and obtain her Technician Class license. Once she graduated and started on her career path, amateur radio dropped off her radar, and Cindi allowed her license to lapse.

Fast-forward to 2021, when Cindi met Mike McAinsh KI7MTI, who helped her study for her license exam all over again. She subsequently passed the Technician exam in Eagle Mountain and became active in amateur radio once more, this time as part of the Salt Lake Crossroads club. Along with her roommate Missie VanCampen KC7FMW, Cindi served as net control operator for them during regular nets and public service events, such as parades.

You can read more about Cindi in [her obituary](#) and in a *Microvolt* [September 2021 article](#) on her.

73, Cindi. We hope some day we'll meet again.



With her guide dog Pringle