

Silent key– Dan Reid KB6UNC

Dan was a person you could feel comfortable talking with, about anything. He had a calm, reassuring, peaceful, unassuming tone to his conversation, plus a quick wit. He could be heard calling CQ during any of several contests, especially on 80 meters.

One contributor wrote, "I was on my computer one night, when my radio blared to life. A newly licensed ham came on the '76 repeater, asking for help with his recently purchased HF rig. Dan answered the guy, then walked him through his troubles, until they got the new ham's HF rig working flawlessly. I recall the tail-end of the conversation like this, when Carl joined in:



New ham : *Wow, Dan, thanks for all your help. How did you ever figure out the meanings of all those knobs and menus?*

Dan : *Oh, luck I suppose, plus a little practice here and there*

Carl (breaking in) : *WE7OMG*

New ham : *Go ahead*

Carl : *Uh, did you know that Dan's blind?*

New ham : *WHAAAT?!?*

Needless to say, the new ham was blown away." It's true. Dan knew more about navigating the amateur radio world than most hams who have their sight. The fact that he was unable to see didn't slow him down from helping others come up to speed. And he was quick.

Several of us remember the QSO, in which Dan had to describe to Chad WE7CB how to locate his house in a difficult cul-de-sac. As Chad drove closer, he asked on the radio, "What color is your house?" to which Dan replied, "Seriously?"

This is an edited excerpt from Dan's obituary:

Daniel William Reid passed away at the age of 52 on July 26, 2019, surrounded by family and friends. He was born in Stockton, California, on August 27, 1966. Dan is survived by Virginia Reid (wife) and his three beautiful daughters Mirisa, Rachel, and Megan. He is also survived by Sam and Kathy Reid, and Sue Maro Reid, along with his two brothers Ken and Dennis, and sister Jody Reid. Dan had a passion for music and his ham radio club (76ers). He was a very hard worker and was determined to do whatever he put his mind to. He had a love for Chick-fil-A vanilla milkshakes but nothing beats the love he had for being a father to his three girls. Dan's passion in life was his family, friends, and serving others. He was an active member of the LDS church and was loved by all.

73, Dan. You'll be missed by us for years to come.

