

Silent key– Dave Deelstra N7ISH



On 04 December 2023, we bid farewell to friend and club member Dave Deelstra N7ISH, who passed away in his Murray home after a year-long battle with cancer. Born in 1950, Dave was the oldest of nine children and was well-known as one of the nicest guys in town. In his younger days, he raced motorcycles and had many other hobbies.

Licensed in 1986, Dave enjoyed communicating with fellow hams around the world. He attended the Steak Fry in 2023 with his partner Cindy, and enjoyed doing satellite communication work. He was an active member of Salt Lake County ARES (SLCOARES) at the turn of the century. He was always congenial and helpful to less-experienced operators.

Dave has attended the Dayton Hamvention a couple of times. Through the years, he's tinkered with his radios, has built several antennas for use when traveling out and about, and en-

joys helping out with emergency communication setup, which is what got him interested in ham radio in the first place. One of Dave's favorite perennial activities is to sit one or more



of his grandkids on his lap and make contacts during ARRL Kids' Day, then look forward to the QSL cards that arrived. He was also the recipient of the prestigious **ARRL DXCC award**, for making contacts with stations in over 100 entities.

Dave's survived by his partner Cindy, Cindy's kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids. Dave will be remembered and missed by all who knew him.

You can see [Dave's obituary here](#).

73 and rest in peace, Dave.

