

Silent key– John Hays K7VE

On 20 April 2024, friend, mentor, and club member John D. Hays K7VE passed away in his Kingston, Washington, home, surrounded by family.



John was best known for his leadership in helping to transform the [ARDC](#) (Amateur Radio Digital Communications) team into a renown organization that helps ham radio clubs obtain grants toward helping the youth get involved in amateur radio.

Among John's impressive credentials, John helped found the New England Packet Radio Association, Northwest Amateur Packet Radio Association, and the Utah Packet Radio Association. He's served as an officer of our own Utah Amateur Radio Club, as well as the Sky Valley Amateur Radio Club, and the Kootenai Amateur Radio Society. Prior to his passing, John loved operating D-STAR and FT8.

You can read more about John on [the ARDC page](#) and on [his QRZ page](#).



73 and rest in peace, John.