

Silent key– Morris Farmer AD7SR

On Christmas Eve 2024 the amateur radio community lost a long-time friend and mentor in Morris Farmer AD7SR, who became a silent key. He had taught numerous ham radio classes and was the immediate past UARC president, in spite of being wheelchair-bound since 1967 due to Guillain-Barré syndrome.

Morris graduated from the University of Utah with a Bachelor's degree in Math and Physics and a Master's degree in Chemistry. He joined the US Air Force and was stationed in the Philippines during the Vietnam War, when he became paralyzed. During a hospital stay, he met his lifelong love Carol, whom he married. Morris eventually worked at Evans and Sutherland, from where he retired. He joined the US Coast Guard Auxiliary and patrolled several Utah waterways with Carol by his side.

Here are some thoughts from those who have been touched by Morris through the years:

I have such good memories of the kindness and technical focus of Morris! He became UARC president in 2018 and asked me back then to lead the HF Remote setup at Leamington -- It has been a great club project involving many members, thanks everyone and we'll miss Morris a lot! Let's have a good productive 2025 in memory of him.

Gary Crum KK7DV

I'm very much saddened by this news. Morris was one of the cornerstones of UARC and I will miss him. I will also miss his participation on the UARC board. Great man . . . he will be missed.

Marvin Match KA7TPH

Thank you for relaying the sad news...Morris is an important part of UARC and will always remain so. With Sympathy and love to all.

Jeri Brummett WJ3RI

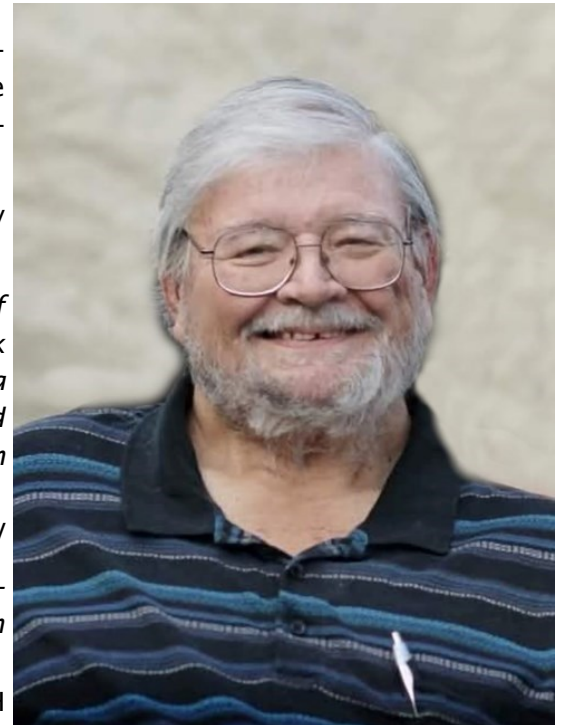
I was saddened to hear about the passing of Morris. Morris has contributed much to amateur radio. He was the one who got the remote station up and running. This helps individuals who can not put up antennas in their homes. This remote station gives them an opportunity to get on the low band rig. Morris we will miss you.

Linda Reeder N7HVF



I was interested in Amateur Radio but never thought I had enough time to study and pass the exam. That all changed shortly after I joined the US Coast Guard Auxiliary and met Morris! I attended the Technician class he was teaching, which started the beginning of September 2013 and ended mid-November. That may seem long for a Technician class, but I was able to pass that and the General exams in one sitting. I then attended his Extra class and passed that exam in June 2014. I will miss Morris; he was not just my mentor but a good friend as well.

Doug Bosen W7GPD



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I went to his home a few times for classes he had in the basement...super smart guy, just wanted to share his talents with others.

Michael Thomas KA7VCA

We were shocked to read of the loss of our courageous friend and neighbor. We shared so many meaningful conversations over the years. We admired Morris greatly.

Wes and Jean Keller

I liked Morris a lot. We worked together at Evans and Sutherland and I always valued his perspective. He was a smart guy...compassionate and very likable.

Ron Walker

Morris has always been a ham's friend, willing to offer kind help and draw from his vast reservoir of technical experience. I will miss hearing him on both the 6-Pack Net and the Utah County 6-meter Net.

Noji Ratzlaff KNØJI

He was a great guy, really enjoyed talking to him and asking his advice. He will be missed.

Chuck Walker KF7PK

His joyful presence in the halls of Evans and Sutherland will long be remembered.

Bob Schumacker

Morris, Carol, and I have been friends for over 35 years. We enjoyed many thoughtful and deep chats at what used to be the Santa Fe up Emigration Canyon. I enjoyed lunch with the Evans and Sutherland guys at work and things we talked about. I'm incredibly grateful for the assignment he and I set for ourselves, getting access to his shack from upstairs using remoteHams. If it weren't for this effort, I'd never have gotten to spend so much time with him and Carol these past few years. I admire him for living life to the fullest as much as his body and pain would allow. Morris has done so much for the hobby and for us amateurs in the valley. He leaves a huge hole in our hearts.

Elisabeth Barry N7MEB

Elisabeth arranged for the [Final 7-3](#) to be performed over the air on two of Morris' nets following his passing, to properly honor him. You can read [his obituary here](#) and [another here](#) and his [Facebook page here](#). A life celebration is planned for Morris later in 2025.

73, Morris.

