

Silent Key

Memorial for a ham who has passed on



A friend and ham, **Chris “Hawkeye” Hocker KF7FUG**, passed away at St. Mark’s Hospital on Thursday 04 December 2025 at the age of 40 due to natural causes.

Chris had attended a number of luncheons with us at places like King Buffet in Taylorsville. He was always smiling, and joking with us, enjoying the camaraderie with the rest of us, both in-person and on the air. For quite a while, the 146.760 repeater would crackle to life with Hawkeye calling out for a contact or asking to engage in an ongoing conversation.

Due to several unfortunate incidents early in life, Hawkeye was disabled, and actually lost part of his brain. He had a hard time walking, and it was also difficult for him to held a job for long, but he was proud of being as independent as he was.

Eventually, we started to only hear Chris on the radio occasionally, then not at all. Several of us had wondered what had happened to this jolly soul, as his name seldom came up any more. When his ham radio license expired in 2021, Curtis McPherson N1JDI, a long-time friend of Chris’, stepped up and helped him get his license renewed. In fact, good friends like Curtis and Carl Pockrus WE7OMG offered rides to help Chris get around and attend ham radio gatherings like the 76ers Barbecue.

Hawkeye will be missed by many. 7-3.



You can read more about Chris in [his obituary](#).