

Silent Key

Memorial for a ham who has passed on



Dave Raab, W7DKR

On Wednesday 21 June 2023, club member and friend Dave Raab W7DKR passed away at Utah Valley Hospital, with his wife Emma KJ7BEN and son Mike next to him.

Here's a summarized excerpt from [Dave's obituary](#):

At the age of 12 Dave fell in love with ham radio, which was a passion he had nearly his entire life. He went to high school in Escondido, California, where he became the president of the school ham radio club.

In 1950, Dave enlisted in the US Navy Reserve and after being discharged, he worked for the US Forest Service. In 1968, Dave moved to Utah and continued working for the Forest Service. He had a love of the outdoors and enjoyed camping, fishing, and hiking for many years. He also loved BYU Football and had season tickets for most of the 1980s. After Dave's wife passed away, he kept busy by serving a Family History mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It was then he met and married Emma.

Dave was proud to be a part of the Utah Honor Flight #37 in September 2021 and had deep pride in being a veteran. Military honors were performed by American Legion Post 72, the Patriot Guard Riders, and the Utah Pipe Band, at the Orem City Cemetery.



As much as age and health permitted, Dave attended club meetings and came to a number of our lunches. He often checked into the UVARC HF Net on Wednesday nights, and has made numerous contacts worldwide. Just recently, the ARRL awarded Dave with a 70-year certificate, celebrating his long-standing membership in the organization, one of the few ever to achieve the recognition. We had planned to present the award to Dave in our August meeting, but apparently it wasn't meant to be.

73 and rest in peace, young man.

