



Silent Key

Memorial for a ham who has passed on

Roy Deeben, KJ7SNL

True to his call sign, Roy "Saturday Night Live" Deeben KJ7SNL passed away on Saturday night 17 June 2023, with his lifelong friend and companion Zeus, his service dog, nearby. Roy was a gentle and sensitive friend to many on the air, always ready to help out with a project or mentoring when his health permitted. He was a living example of "the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

According to [Roy's obituary](#), he joined the Army in 1985, and served various occupations over ten years, then afterwards became quite the gun and reloading expert as a result. He was fond of hunting, camping, shooting, reloading, photography, wild mustangs, and of course, ham radio.

Close friends, including Jon Babb KJØNAB, encouraged Roy to get licensed. He kept his original call sign he received when he first got licensed in October 2020, so it's not a vanity call, and Roy became a UVARC member soon after. Since then, numerous hams have known him as the helpful guy in Payson with the big voice on the '76 repeater or the New Ham Net. Roy has volunteered to help out with a number of events, including Winter Field Day, the Ham Radio Fair, and a local park special event station, plus attended the 76ers Barbecue, the Lunch Bunch, and many club meetings.

His funeral was held at Camp Williams, Utah, with military honors, followed by a Final 7-3.

73, old friend.

