



Silent Key

Memorial for a ham who has passed on

Von Hutchings K7VMH

On 23 September 2023 Von Hutchings K7VMH left this existence to be with his sweetheart [Lila](#), who preceded him a little over seven years ago. Von was an active 76er since the start of the group, and was a faithful check-in for several years. He attended the Lunch Bunch, ice cream socials and the barbecues as often as his health and his schedule would allow.

If there's one thing Von enjoyed, it was road trips on his motorcycle, cruising around the country in search of new adventures. He also enjoyed HF, but fell out of commission for a couple of years after his antenna blew down from a windstorm, until Chad Buttars WE7CB volunteered to get on Von's roof and put it back up.

Von got his start in radio by CB, going by the handle *Barefoot Bandit*, constantly communicating with truckers and family while camping. In October 2011 Von discovered the 76ers and got licensed as KF7SGE. A couple of months later, he became KF7VMH. The following July, Von upgraded to General, and a little later he applied for and got K7VMH.

Here are some excerpts from [Von's obituary](#):

Dad taught us to love hard, live full, and be adventurous. He was very active in the LDS Church, volunteered time at the temple, and completed a family history mission. He was active in the Good Sams / Trailblazers Club and the 76ers. He rode his motorcycle and ATV as often as possible, and enjoyed going on rides with family members. To him, there was nothing more important than family.

You will be missed, Von! 73

