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Well known radio repairmen, family man, and friend

Arvada, Colorado, Well known in the ham radio community William Leahy, K0ZL of Arvada, CO passed away on February 3, 2009. According to Miller Coors, employees discovered his death at 9 PM last night. Bill had been with Miller Coors for over 30 years.

Bill had been a ham since he was a boy and loved the hobby. He and his wife formed B&B Technical services in 1982. Bill was one of the premiere repair services for Kenwood as well as other radios. He specialized in restoring older ham gear and in many instances added special modifications to improve popular models. In his repair business he was always fair and timely in producing A+ repair service.


In 2007 B&B Technical services was chosen to be the USA representative for the SPE Expert line of solid state liner power amps. Some of the other ham radio operators who knew him really well had this to say about him.

“As the UK representative for SPE I grew to know Bill quite well, indeed only on Monday Bill posted me pictures of his home with "real snow" as he called it, compared with the sprinkling we have had in the UK these past few days.

Bill was one of those treasures that we find less and less in ham radio these days. A true technical genius who did not talk down to people, was utterly fair in business and also he had a dry and deep sense of humor that appealed to us Brits in particular.

To say that we will miss him is putting it mildly,” Said Ron, GW3YDK of the United Kingdom (UK). Others also commented saying “Bill will be truly lost by the Ham community. He was an outstanding Elmer & Friend.

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Our thoughts and prayers are with Bill's wife Bonnie and their family. Bill's contribution to Amateur Radio went above and beyond expectations. He touched many lives in his short life." Said Rick, WORIC of Centennial, Colorado. Others also commented on the death of William Leahy, K0ZL. William will surely be missed not only by his family but by his friends and the ham radio community. William told his wife Bonnie KB0HTC before he died that "he did not want anyone to mourn but instead have a party when he dies because he knew where he was going when he died."

No arrangements as of yet have been made for Williams service and internment. Bill will be deeply missed by all in the ham radio community. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie KB0HTC. As we gets dates and times for Williams services we will be sure to update everyone.

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Source: Dustin Cox, N0DRC, Bonnie Leahy, KB0HTC



From left to right Bonnie & William Leahy

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