



## William Archer McCarrey

August 2, 1957 - April 16, 2018

William Archer McCarrey, 60, of Greencastle, PA, passed away Monday, April 16, 2018 at his home. Born August 2, 1957 in Centralia, IL, he was the son of Frank G. and Virginia L. McCarrey.

He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline McCarrey; daughter, Jennifer McCarrey; son, David McCarrey and wife, Casey; two stepdaughters, Kelli Fonger and husband, Andrew, and Erin Vanasse and husband, Michael; sister, Miriam Furlong and husband, Bobby; brother, Doug McCarrey; two grandchildren; and four step grandchildren.

William was Chief Engineer at Manning Broadcasting for 20 years. Bill began his radio career in his hometown of Centralia, Illinois and moved on to larger radio stations in Paducah, Kentucky and elsewhere. Bill moved to this area in the mid-80's to manage WEEO-AM in Waynesboro and later went to work in the land-mobile radio business as a two way radio technician. During that time he worked for Ford Communications in Hagerstown and Hankey's Radio in Frederick. He returned to commercial broadcasting at WXVA AM/FM Charlestown, WV in the 90's doing on-air work and engineering. He then joined Manning Broadcasting in Hagerstown and Frederick where he was employed for more than 20 years as a radio personality, production director and later chief engineer of WARK, 106.9 The Eagle, and Key 103 in Frederick and several other stations. Bill (N3JDR) was a licensed amateur radio operator for more than 45 years earning an Extra Class operator's license and was a member of the Eastern Panhandle Amateur Radio Club (EPARC) in Martinsburg. In amateur radio Bill enjoyed operating weak signal modes in the VHF and UHF bands. He also built and maintained two UHF amateur radio repeaters in Hagerstown & Frederick. Bill also enjoyed operating on the HF bands (shortwave frequencies) chatting with other amateur operators throughout the country and around the world. He participated annually in Amateur Radio Field Day as well as numerous amateur radio contests throughout the year, often taking top spots in various operating categories during these events. Bill was a mentor to many with his vast knowledge of electronics and radio theory. He was never too busy to help out a fellow broadcaster or amateur operator needing assistance. A Celebration of Life Service will be held Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 11:00 am at Hillcrest Lakeside Chapel with Rev. Elaine Bush officiating. Sutherland - Garnier Funeral Home is honored to be assisting the family.

Online condolences are accepted at [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com)

# Comments

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“ I first met Bill back in 1970 Or 71 when is father brought him into my first RadioShack Store at 320 West Broadway. So he was probably and freshman or sophomore in school Bill came into by a small FM transmitter that supposed to have a effective range of about 50 to 100 feet. Don't know what he did to transmit so well, but I do know that he hooked it up to and outside FM antenna. I think the family was living somewhere near the old high school. We could hear his signal and music at our store. When we moved to the new store in the shopping center we could no longer hear Bill's music. But we continued to see him when he visited out store until he moved away from Centralia. I had no idea he continued in the radio business and that he was an amateur radio operator as I had lost track of him.My sincere condolences to his family.

**Ken Bauer** - May 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Ginny & Gene,Thinking of you on the loss of your son, William. Praying for you and the entire family.Blessings,LoriSecretary, First Presbyterian Church

**Lori Aarons** - April 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Jay, it looks like we are both double mourning, you with Bill and your brother, me with Bill and my mother. Bill was quite a character and I considered him my best friend in grade school.In late February of 1988, I had the privilege of visiting Bill in Pennsylvania for a few days. The highlight of that trip was a visit to both Gettysburg and Antietam battlefields. It was a beautiful crisp day and I will never forget it.On another day Bill and I and a friend of his went to the Vietnam Memorial in Washington DC. It was wonderful to see that part of the country for the first time. Adiós amigo Bill...

**Craig Henderson** - April 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Goodbye to my best friend in high school. See you at sign-on.

**Jay LeSeure** - April 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM