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Bob Groome

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Bob Groome, well-known and well-liked for his work in broadcast engineering and sales passed away at home in St. Augustine Beach, FL, a victim of the effect of cancer at the age of 77.



Robert Ray (Bob) Groome
April 11, 1943 – May 17, 2020

Bob was born April 11, 1943 in Hampton, VA to Alfred Ray and Mary Belote Groome.

After High School, he attended the University of Florida, the Orlando Electronics Institute, where he received an AA in Electronics, and Stamford University, where he got a BSEE. In 1963, while still in school, he worked as a technician for GE at NASA's Apollo Project.

His first job in radio was at WOOO (1310) Deland, FL in 1961, as Chief Engineer and DJ personality. From 1969-1976, he was Chief Engineer for WGCL (1310) Fort Meyers, FL from 1969-76. As time went on, he became a contract engineer and a Group Director of Engineering.

Shifting into sales, marketing, and technical support, Bob spent over 40 years working for several manufacturers – including field service at Gates Radio (Harris), sales for Allied Broadcast Equipment, Arrakis, Wheatstone, Jampro, ERI, and RF Specialties. Bob was always ready share, personally helping engineers and stations solve problems, with posts to the BROADCAST and Tech-Assist professional email lists, and by building a useful web site that contains a wealth of interest to broadcasters: various schematics, engineering formulae, and pictures of equipment.

Over the years, Bob actively attended the NAB, SBE, and many regional conventions, presenting papers and sharing information. He also made it to Canadian, Mexican, and Japanese conferences, where he represented the US industry and technology.

In addition to his broadcast endeavors, Bob spent time working on computers and woodworking as well as being the handyman ready to handle all the necessary jobs around the home. He famously converted his Volkswagen into an electric vehicle way back in 2001.

Bob is survived by wife, Philippa, four daughters and a son, a sister, and lots of grandchildren.

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