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Ron Nott

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Ron Nott, K5YNR, passed away on March 31st following a short illness. He was only 83.



Arthur Ronald Nott

February 8, 1934 – March 31, 2017

Ron Nott grew up in Oklahoma City, February 8, 1934. His parents were Arthur and Erma Nott. After graduating from Capitol Hill High School, Ron attended Oklahoma University and later attended New Mexico Military Institute.

Ron entered the US Army in 1958, serving in Army electronic communications. After schooling at Ft. Monmouth, NJ and Redstone Arsenal, AL, Ron was assigned as electronics instructor in the Ordnance guided Missile School at Redstone Arsenal.

After his stint in the military, he acquired his FCC First Class Radiotelephone license in 1960 and started his broadcast career as the RF engineer at WXOK (a DA on 1460) in Baton Rouge, L.A.

In 1965, Ron joined Collins Radio Co. as Test Control Designer and Broadcast Service Field Engineer. Five years later, he established a broadcast contract engineering business in Albuquerque and, in 1972, he moved to Farmington, NM to construct a new television station (KIVA), remaining in Farmington to start a new contract engineering business.

Next, in 1977, Ron worked in instrumentation and controls, and was Senior Electrical Test Engineer, for the Arizona Public Service Company at the Four Corners Power Plant (a 2,000+ megawatt coal-fired power plant). While there he founded Cortana Corporation, which sold “Static Cat” static dissipaters and AM unipoles, and in 1982 opened another company, offering design, engineering and consulting services, with a special focus on unipole antennas, structure de-tuning equipment, and point dissipation products. In line with Ron’s varied interests, the company was called “Nott Limited.”

After Ron retired from APS in 1990, he expanded his manufacturing business until, he sold the business and “retired” in 2010 except, true to his character, he still came in to the shop every morning.

In addition to all his other interests and careers, there was a hobby, some said “an obsession” for trains which began in his youth, playing at the railroad station in OKC. Ron loved to build/restore/ride/play with trains. He was active with locale train clubs and gave classes at the local (San Juan) College about trains and the history of trains. He was a member of the Durango Railroad Historical Society and the National Model Railroad Association and helped restore a locomotive that is on display in Santa Rita Park in Durango, CO.

Over the years, Ron has written many technical articles on antennas and related subjects which have been published in trade journals, magazines and books. Watch the “Ron Nott Story” video. And you can see some of his articles [here](#) and [here](#) and [here](#).

Ron was preceded in death by his second wife, Judy, who passed away in November 2009. He is survived by two daughters, Rebecca and Mary; two step-daughters, Shawna and Becky; niece, Terri; grandchildren, Jeremy, Calista, Amber, Emma, Ashleigh, Abby, Hayden and Taylor.

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