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## **Tom Busch**

**1947 - 2010**

It is with great sadness that we note the passing on November 1, 2010 of long time Broadcast Engineer Tom Busch. He passed away in his sleep at his home in Nome, Alaska. November 1<sup>st</sup> was also his 63<sup>rd</sup> Birthday.

In 1970, Busch founded and built KNOM AM 780 kHz in Nome, Alaska. Using a pick and shovel he dug down through the permafrost to put in the first towers for 780, he wired the studio and eventually built new studios. He served as Station Manager and Engineer from 2005 to 2010. In recent months, he con-tinued to work tirelessly as its development director, to secure the station's financial future.



**Photo courtesy of KNOM AM**

Busch was also well known in the Amateur Radio Community as NL7H. He was involved in his local Parish, board member for the Iditarod, and a Boy Scout leader. He held a special place in his heart for fellow broadcasters and broadcast engineers.

He was a member of the elite Alaska Broadcasters Hall of Fame and a board member of Alaska Public Radio. He leaves behind a legacy that would be the envy of any broadcaster.

Tom is survived by his wife and two grown children.

He will be missed.

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