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David C. Gorman

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On Sunday, August 16, 2009, the broadcast industry lost a good man: David C. Gorman. Active over six decades as a production engineer, design engineer, and manufacturer, Dave was known by most for his work on AM directional stations and phasors. He died after suffering a heart attack at the age of 78.

The founder and co-owner (with his son, Kurt) of Phasetek in Quakertown, PA, Gorman was well known, both for the phasors as well as his field work in markets large and small.



David Gorman

He began his engineering career at Philco in Philadelphia, PA (his hometown) shortly after leaving the U.S. Navy in the post-WWII years.

Gorman joined AEL (American Electronics Laboratories) in Lansdale, PA, in the late 1950s, to work on transmission systems and phasors, including some for RCA. After about ten years, he struck out on his own, forming the Per Corporation, which eventually became CSP, in Quakertown, PA. In 1973, he sold CSP to Vector Technologies, eventually buying it back and renaming the company Phasetek in 1990. For the past 19 years, Phasetek has produced phasors and parts for stations around the world.

According to his son (and co-owner of Phasetek) Kurt, Phasetek projects at XETRA, Tijuana and WTMJ, Milwaukee, WI, were among the those of which he and his father were most proud.

In recent years, Gorman had suffered from various physical issues and lost his wife just last year. He is survived by his two sons, Kurt and Derek, daughter Timber, and a brother, John.

A funeral service will be held at the C. R. Strunk Funeral Home in Quakertown, PA on Saturday, August 22, 2009 at 11 AM. The family suggests that, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Diabetes Foundation.

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