Harold Munn

1928 – 2016

Harold Munn succumbed to pancreatic cancer on April 26th at the age of 87.

Earle Harold Munn, Jr.
September 7, 1928 – April 26, 2016

The son of Earle Harold and Luella Mae Munn, Harold Jr. was born on 9/7/28, in Vandalia, IL.

When Harold, Jr. graduated from Hillsdale College in 1948, he had already been licensed by the FCC for four years (since age 14), and a member of the IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers) at the age of 17. Taking his degree in Physics, but having studied several other disciplines, he taught in High Schools for two years before devoting the rest of his life to broadcasting.

After leaving his teaching position, Munn started WTVB and WANG in Coldwater, MI. HE went on to build stations WYSI, Ypsilanti, WBSE, Hillsdae, and WSTR, Sturgis. He also very active in cable TV, starting one of the first three cable systems in the country.

In 1950, Munn founded *E. Harold Munn, Jr. and Associates* an engineering consulting firm offering registered professional engineer (RPE) services from Coldwater, MI. Over the years, Munn built or consulted some 800 stations in all 50 states. A pioneer in many areas, he often was the first to participate in new areas of broadcast, including the first breakdown of the 1947 clear channel station freeze, the first commercial FM in Hawaii, the first LPTV in AR, and the Proof and Licensing for the first solar and wind powered station in the US, a directional antenna station, in Shelbyville, IL. In 1992 Munn retired and sold the business to Wayne Reese.

Munn was active in local affairs and evangelical activities. He was honored in 2005 by the Michigan Association of Broadcasters with a place in the Michigan Broadcasting Hall of Fame. - - -

Munn is survived by his wife of 66 years, C. Ella (Bronson), sons H. Derwin (Patti), M. Douglas (Jerri), and daughter M. Renée Runyon (Dan); five grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren.

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