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Peter K. Onnigan

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Peter K. Onnigan, W6QEU, one of the founders of Jampro, passed away Friday, March 13, 2015. He was 93.



Pete Onnigan
1921 – March 13, 2013

Onnigan was born in Chicago, becoming a HAM Radio enthusiast (W6QEU) In 1936, which sparked a life-long interest in broadcasting. He met his future lovely wife, Sadie Shabaglian, and they married in 1942.

During World War II, he served his country as a Communication Specialist in India and Singapore. After the war, Peter was the driving force building radio station KGST, Fresno. Later, he was a member of the founding group and chief engineer who built Sacramento station KBET-TV (KXTV).

In the late 1950's, Onnigan founded Jampro Antennas, an international manufacturer of FM and television broadcasting antennas. Over the years, he received several patents. The most notable was on the first circularly polarized FM broadcasting antenna, still in use by many stations and manufacturers worldwide. He received the SBE Fellow Award on March 30, 2004.

Onnigan is survived by Sadie, his wife of 73 years; daughter, Kathie Onnigan Huff and husband Terry; son, Phil Onnigan; five grandchildren, Evan and Vaughn Huff, Heather, Alicia and Jordan Onnigan.

He was to be buried in Fresno.

Visitation will be held at Harry A. Nauman & Son, 4041 Freeport Blvd., Sacramento on Sunday, March 22, 2015 from 4 to 6 p.m.

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