

L. David “Shally” Shallenberger, K6VHP



Shally (David) was born May 5, 1940, and passed away suddenly at home, January 11, 2009. Born in Riverside, CA, he spent some early years in North Carolina, but the rest of his life in California. He had lived in Eureka since 1987. Shally was an avid electronics genius, specifically in the area of vintage amateur radio equipment. He became a “ham” when he was 16, and remained active the rest of his life. He was a mentor to many, locally and across the country. During the ‘70’s he held the position of Executive Director of the California State Electronics Association. He and his wife Lynda and daughter Jennifer moved to Eureka, and he opened his life-dream business “Classic Radio”, repairing and selling “vintage” radio equipment. Shortly thereafter he became the Chief Broadcast Engineer for KVIQ television, a position he held until 1999. Semi-retired, he continued at home, fixing radios and puttering in his shop. He had a knack for the old gear, and a reputation as an expert. Shally was a member of the Eureka Elks Lodge #652, and he was fairly active over the years with the Humboldt Amateur Radio Club. His passion for flying and WWII history delighted many when he would play the CD “Round Sounds” at very high volume, sending the sound of a T-28 or a B-25 radial engine starting up, reverberating through his house. He cherished his home on Humboldt Hill, and loved showing his shop and his radio museum to visitors. His kind, giving heart and his sense of humor will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife Sanna Wood and her daughter Jennifer Van Hoose; his former wife Lynda Powell, and their daughter Jennifer McDonald, her husband Ross and her son Koby Dison; his father-in-law Dean Cook; his sister Melody Anderson and husband Dick; his “dawg” Molly, and kitties Taz & Phoebe, as well as many, many radio buddies

and good friends. His parents, Lloyd and Irma Jean Shallenberger, preceded David in death. Friends are invited to a celebration of his life at Radio Ranch, Sunday, January 18 at 2pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to a favorite charity. And remember, "Real Radios Glow in the Dark".