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To all radio amateurs

Former Kansas Section Manager Orlan Cook, WØOYH, died on March 28. An ARRL Life Member, he was 85. Cook served for 5 years as Kansas SM, taking office by appointment in 1997 and serving until 2002. He was an ARRL Official Relay Station (ORS) and Official Bulletin Station, and for the past decade or so, he served in an informal public information role as editor of the KAR (Kansas Amateur Radio) newsletter.

**November 12, 1931**



Orlan Q. Cook, WØOYH

**March 28, 2017**

When I contacted Kevin Cook, NØFNL, after learning of Orlan's death, I stated I would try to continue the KAR newsletter. Although I do not have the long history with the list of contacts and knowledge as Orlan, Kevin was glad to hear I wanted to continue. When I visited Orlan on February 28 in his shack, I had a feeling he had sent the last newsletter. Our two hour visit was meaningful. I can not fill his shoes, but hope to start a new chapter in KAR newsletters.

73, Kent, KBØRWI

Orlan Cook was born November 12, 1931, in Greenleaf, KS, to A. Louis Cook and Katherine Fry Cook. They lived in Mahaska before opening a restaurant in Belleville. Orlan shined shoes, got his ham radio license and worked in Menkin's Bakery to pay for flying lessons. When he was 17, he went skating in Republic and was so gorgeous that 14-year-old Elizabeth Sisson grabbed him in Ladies' Choice and never let go, marrying in 1953. Orlan attended K-State several years before moving to Kansas City to attend electronics school. Always able to fix anything, after repairing electric organs a few years for Baldwin, he was self-employed more than 25 years. When an organ customer brought Orlan to the Lord, he took Liz and their sons, Brian and Kevin, to Southwest Bible Church. A major heart attack caused early retirement but excellent doctors and his incredible, beloved Shawnee Med-Act enabled Orlan to live a good life witnessing for the Lord and working more than 60 years as WOOYH in ham radio. Family and friends can attest Orlan Cook truly never told a lie of any kind nor stole anything in his life and helped anyone he could. He died March 28, 2017, preceded by brothers, Don and Galen, leaving Liz, Brian (Rhonda) and Kevin (Bonnie), and grandsons, Kevin, Denton and Justin. Arr. : Kansas City Funeral Directors.

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