

## David H. Stoddart W8FLL (SK)



Dave Stoddart, W8FLL (known to many of us as just "FLL" has become a Silent Key. Dave was one of a kind and will be greatly missed.

A good friend and a tireless Elmer, Dave made sure I had the very best possible antennas, which he made for me (his special copper-pipe 2-meter "Super" and what I call the world's best 40-meter dipole). He also helped me with code practice materials and a very nice straight key to upgrade my station. To introduce me to the world of contesting, Dave brought a rig to my house, put up an antenna, and handed me the microphone!

On April 20 of this year, Dave hosted a party to celebrate his 58 years as an amateur radio operator. His invitation specified "no" gifts, but many of those who attended left with gifts from "Dave" radio equipment, test instruments, etc.â€¢from his personal collection.

Dave's contributions to our Club included meeting presentations, Field Day coordination, and auctioneering as only he could do it. He provided innumerable raffle prizes as well. Dave showed up at CAKE with an impressive variety of items of interest, and the McDonald's gatherings just won't be the same without him.

FLL had a seemingly limitless supply of entertaining anecdotes from his years of teaching, print shop work, and traveling, and had a singular sense of humor. There was a twinkle in his eye when he presented me with the reference document that no amateur radio operator should be without "the cycles-to-Hertz conversion chart!

—Kathleen KI6AIE

For more pictures of W8FLL go to  
<http://www.k6bj.org/profiles/w8fll>

## Memories of W8FLL

Dave was always a helpful and attentive radio enthusiast who was even in his dreams had thoughts about twisting knobs to radios or erecting an antenna..

As we lose our friends and family we are reminded of our own mortality and to live each day to its fullest of our ability in each chapter of our life. We cherish family and friends even if we get grumpier with age. We do our best to share with our community and friends what we know and help in ways that we are able. We let people know what we think about them, noticing them even if we never said words. We appreciate the little things like fast food and the bigger things like people who care about us.

Dave was a true radio guy. He knew and shared what he knew and encouraged others to learn and become active. He was full of stories and didn't mind sharing them with others.

Contributing to amateur radio enthusiasm was a very big part of his life.

I could talk about what it was like growing up with my Grandfather (Elmer C. Holmes), who was active in MARS network, and having the "radio room" in the house and how awesome it was to Dave. It was like he knew my Grandfather, what he did, all the equipment, as if he was there. He appreciated and understood at almost a spiritual level the magic--yes, magic--of radio communication. FLL encouraged me a lot to learn and re-experience as an adult some of that which brought me such joy when I was younger.

But beyond FLL's stories, I think the best thing was that he liked to laugh.. Once you've traveled enough, told all the stories, taught and fixed and swapped all the radio equipment you ever wanted to, and shared and loved all you could spread around, when you've told all the jokes and heard them and



laughed to your heart's content, well then, maybe that's a good time to set up your rig somewhere else.

Thanks Dave. I will always remember you.

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—Alysia GoRay and family

## David Hurlbut Stoddart "W8FLL"

David Hurlbut Stoddart passed away on May 23rd after a long battle with heart disease. David, son of William R. Stoddart and Pearl W. Bigelow, was born in Detroit Michigan – February 20 1925. David had four brothers and two sisters. David was the second youngest, and the last surviving of his siblings. As a young man David learned printing in his fathers print shop in Detroit, and later worked as a printer in the newspaper business. During World War II, David enlisted in the Navy, and served his tour of duty "state side" in Corpus Christi, Texas; where he was trained as a "Radio Man". David (along with all four of his brothers) served in the armed forces during the war. David married Harriett Baird (September 6, 1947) in Detroit Mich. David and Harriett had four children. Deborah Lynn (Johnson) married to Sandy Johnson (Simi Valley CA.), Keith David Stoddart (So. CA), Karen Lee (Golding) married to Frank "KG6EBY" Golding (Boulder Creek CA), and Anita Kay (Robie, Gorrell) (Boulder Creek CA). David earned his first HAM Radio License in 1950, and became known by his call letters as "W8FLL". In 1957 David moved with his family to Southern Calif. David went to college at Cal Poly San Louis Obispo where he earned his teaching credential as a print shop teacher. David was a printer, and later in his career, a print shop teacher. David taught high school print shop classes in the LA City school district. David leaves behind, his four children (Deborah, Keith, Karen, and Anita); seven grandchildren (Larrs Johnson married to Amy Johnson, Anders Johnson, Rebecca "KG6IAO" (Golding) Kenyon married to Jared "KF6OZM" Kenyon, Kevin Golding, Matthew Robie, Cory Robie, Brandon (Gorrell) Stoddart: and one great grandchild Ethan Johnson. David was an active HAM radio operator for 58 years. A memorial service will be held on Saturday May 31st at the Boulder Creek United Methodist Church in Boulder Creek CA at 4:00 PM.