

KE7JNB – Silent Key

Donald Edward Savill, better known to his amateur radio friends as KE7JNB, became a silent key on Wednesday, March 7, 2017. In addition to being a past Secretary of CARA, Don was a regular net control station on the Thursday evening Mule Mountain FM net until about two years ago. He was also a member of the Arizona Traffic and Emergency and Maritime Service HF nets. His always-friendly voice will be sadly missed by all club members.

Don was born in Toronto, Ontario Canada on Nov. 11, 1939, to the late Lucy and Edward Savill. He joined the U.S. Army in 1959 where he served as a radio operator until 1962. He was honorably discharged as a sergeant. After leaving the Army, he was an entrepreneur, including owner operator of a gas station, Sierra Vista Lock and Key, and private investigator. He served on the Huachuca City Police Department and Tombstone Marshal Office, ran a trucking business for North American Van Lines, and was a graphics drafting designer at Honeywell. For Don, life was about enjoying the outdoors by fishing, hunting, and camping. He was an avid gold miner in search of his lost treasure, and a state representative of the Gold Miners Association. On the side he enjoyed being behind the camera taking photos of rodeo events. He was an active member of the American Legion Post 52 and the American Legion Riders. Don is survived by his wife of 29 years, Barbara (Sisk) Savill, married Aug. 1, 1987. He is also survived by his daughters Catherine Donovan Lewis, her husband Rob Lewis, Frances Savill Kane, her husband James Kane Jr., Donna Lee Savill, Merryann Savill, Marie Savill Samaniego, Alicia Wilson-Huff, husband Mike Huff, Charity Gjersoe, husband Tom Gjersoe, Meechelle Woody, husband Bill Woody, 21 grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, and a brother Richard Rollnick. As an expression of sympathy, memorial contributions can be made to the local animal shelters, in honor of Donald's love for all creatures in need of love and care. To leave online condolences for the family, visit hatfieldfh.com.