

Major Gen. Rustom Zal Kabraji, AVSM (Retd) VU2BK *1917-2008* Kab fondly known to his many ham radio brothers also the Indian Beacon. Sir Kab possessed a steady clear fist and powerful signal that could be easily heard each morning in the States. I sent Kab my IRC and obtained his immediate reply and note of appreciation. He was my first VU QSO.

Our subject along with Brig. P.S. Gill (VU2PS) lead one of the first all army ham expeditions to Bhutan in 1962, giving the world hams a contact with Bhutan for the very first time.

The General's family consisted of Nargesh, his faithful wife who passed on in 2004, he has two sons living in Pune, near Bombay, India. They are Zal Rustom Kabraji and Zubin Rustom Kabraji, also a grandson Darius Zubin Kabraji.



Maj. Gen. R.Z. Kabraji, AVSM retired from the Indian Army Corps of Signals in June 1970 as Chief of Staff, Southern Command, Pune. At that time he was also Hon ADC General to the President of India. The General was a very enthusiastic golfer and actively promoted the game at Mhow. He was also a keen angler and some of his fishing stories have gone down in history, especially when he was GOC 6 Mountain Division.



Kab became a silent key at age 90 in Pune, India, 21 Feb 2008 who is mourned by his family and friends alike. Those dots and dashes since 1946 are carried on through his son Zal VU2DK. Our tribute is possible through information obtained from generosity of Zal Kabraji and QSL from Picsmick collection.

That morning long path doesn't seem the same since the days of Kab's faithful presence. We enjoy the memory of his radio spirit and generosity.

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