



Roy Neal K6DUE *1921-2003* Born - Roy N. Hinkel. Expired 15 Aug 2003 at age 82. He had undergone major heart surgery Aug. 12th. Today we lost a good man and a fellow amateur radio operator, Roy Neal, K6DUE. Roy specialized in coverage of Aerospace. He was found on the air frequently on 40 and 20MSSB. His pleasing voice could always be picked out of the crowd. Tonight (15 Aug 03) NBC Nightly News announced Roy was a Silent Key at age 82.

Recognized as a leading news expert in the Aero Space field, he covered all of the Mercury missions from Cape Canaveral and Gemini, Apollo and Space Shuttle flights from the Johnson Space Center in Houston. Today in retirement, he chairs SAREX the shuttle amateur radio experiment, which puts amateur radio aboard Space Shuttles.

When Roy moved to California in 1952, he picked up his present call, K6DUE. Active on most amateur bands he can usually be found. Neal also worked in Aeronautics. For more than twenty years, Roy emceed the prestigious Honors Award Banquet for the Society of Experimental Test Pilots. He covered the historic feats of the jet age pioneers at Edwards Air Force Base from X-1 to X-15s. When commercial jets were first flown, Neal reported their flights.

Roy was born in Pennsylvania, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania. His news career began at radio station WIBG in Philadelphia. He was a combat infantry officer in WW2 and after the war,

went on to become Program Manager for the Armed Forces Radio Network in Europe. After the war, he went to work in early television at WPTZ Philadelphia, then moved to California to set up NBC'S West Coast news bureau. He was based there for 35 years!

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Author has fond memories of WPTZ channel 3 in Philadelphia as a boy. It was a first class TV outlet and a particular weather lady was featured each night at the 11 O'clock news, they would announce one night she had died at a very young age. I have forgotten her name. I do not recall Roy on the tube then. That was 1956-57-58, just before my career in the U.S.C.G. Roy's wife Pat survives him at High Point North Carolina, they have two grown sons David Neal who is Producer for NBC Sports in NY and Mark Neal an independent Television Producer. I recall like yesterday listening to Roy K6DUE on the air, and what a pleasant voice he possessed. There won't be another one like Roy come along in a long time.