

April 27th 2006 in the North Carolina Sand Hills, teachers and second graders from Robbins Elementary took the first train ride in years from the old Elise Depot. The kids were on a excursion trip in restored railroad passenger cars of the AC&W Railway. For the children, that April, their first train ride was exciting and the chatter of excited voices brightened a gray Robbins spring time.



The children wouldn't be aware of it then but shortly a large mural honoring **Astronaut Chuck Brady N4QBW** would adorn the area of the old Elise Railroad Depot. Brady's untimely death occurred a few months later that same year July 23, 2006.

I have a feeling one of those school children in the earlier era could have been our subject Doctor Charles E. Brady formerly of Robbins. Our talented subject became an Eagle Scout, athlete, physician, Blue Angel team member and Astronaut. With gratitude from Chip Cohen W1YN herewith we attempt to write;

Capt. Charles Eldon Brady Jr. USN - N4BQW *1951-2006*

Born in Pinehurst, North Carolina but considered Robbins, N.C., Chuck's hometown. In Doctor Brady's own words; "From my childhood in rural North Carolina, for me and many of my young friends, we dreamed of what the astronauts saw when they went into space. We watched Alan Shepard and Senator Glenn crawl into the capsule from the clean room and I so wanted to know where they went. I never dreamed I would be blessed to see it for myself one day." From Astronaut Speakers dot com. Chuck enjoyed canoeing, kayaking, tennis, biking and ham radio.

A graduate of North Moore H.S. Robbins, N.C., in 1969. This highly motivated young man continued on to study pre-med at UNC Chapel Hill and graduated in 1971. Receiving his doctorate in medicine from Duke Univ. in 1975, going on to the Univ of Tenn. Hospital in Knoxville for internship.

From space to various rare spots on earth, he gave a new one to many of the amateur radio Dx'ers around the world. His most unforgettable, that rare spot called Bouvet Island (3YØ)- The DX fraternity has a special bond to those who gave out the rare ones from around the world. Chuck's bonding of friends was world wide.

In Chuck's retirement he battled a debilitating form of arthritis leading to hip replacement surgery. Our subject left us 23 July 2006 a month short of his 55th birthday. Survivors include his son Charlie Brady III of Orcas Island WA., mother Ann of Robbins NC and sister Jerry Ann Kennedy. W8SU 2011



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