Dr. Paul F. Crouch WØAVQ *1934-2013* Co-founder of TBN (Christian Broadcasting) in 1974. Born to Pentecostal missionary workers in St Josephs Mo, his father died when Paul was age 7. He was raised by his mother and by the help of his grandparents.

The Crouch family had served in Egypt. His mother provided as best she could as a seamstress. Paul's Elmer was WØCGJ Lawrence W Bakewell 1904-1986 Springfield MO who worked at Gospel Publishing at Central Bible College in the 30s to the 60s.



Interested in ham radio as a youth age 15 Paul earned his first ticket and would go to his ham radio set that gave him the ability to chat around the world. He worked for several years in the Assembly of God movement with the broadcast field before starting the TBN venture.

Paul started a radio club while attending Central Bible College and then a low power college station was put on the air. His Evangelical TV Network in California started in 1974 on a very limited budget.

Dr. Crouch has had heart complications and expired 30 November 2013. Survivors are his wife Jan and two sons. Paul has had his last call for fund raising down here. On many occasions he proudly stated he was "WØAVQ" and gave credit to ham radio for his early entrance into radio and electronics.

Two of the very best evangelists and preachers TBN had featured over the years were; Rev. C.M. Ward and Rev. E.V. Hill. "Hill born in a log cabin jokingly once said, I was destined to get your money with a law degree or a pastor."

We found Paul Crouch WØAVQ in the 53 call book QTH of RFD Springfield MO.

This world will throw dirt at some of the dead, Paul can't defend himself, why be a human bulldozer?

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