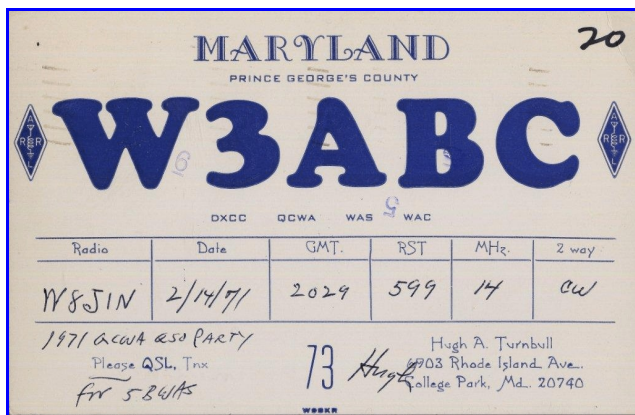


Hugh A. Turnbull W3ABC - Mr. Turnbull age 93, who helped oversee satellite tracking stations for NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt MD and who also was a amateur radio expert, expired 14 Sept 2010 at Crofton Care and Rehabilitation Center in Anne Arundel County. He had pneumonia.

Hugh worked for the federal government for 37 years and was a NASA employee for 16 years. At Goddard, Mr. Turnbull was responsible for administering and technically supporting its global data gathering network. In his work with satellite tracking stations, he was often called on to assist NASA stations overseas. He retired in 1998.

Aside from his government service, Mr. Turnbull had a passion for radio. Before and after World War II he worked with the Radio Intelligence Division of the Federal Communications Commission in N. Y. He moved to College Park in 1955 and worked as a broadcast engineer with the Voice of American until joining NASA in 1961.



Over the years Hugh was Honorary Vice President of the American Radio Relay League, president of the Goddard Space Flight Center Amateur Radio Club and a fellow of the Radio Club of America. His call sign was W3ABC.

In the 1990s, he was honored by the Smithsonian Institution for his years of volunteer service with NN3SI, the National Museum of American History's amateur radio station.

Hugh Alexander Turnbull was a native of Rahway, N.J. He was a 1938 graduate of Lafayette College in Pennsylvania and received a master's degree in physics from West Virginia University in 1940. He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

His wife, the former Mary E. "Betty" Spillane, expired in 2006. Survivors include two children. Mark Turnbull of Philadelphia and Karen Shangraw of Crofton and two grandsons.

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ARRL partially scripted material; Our subject Hugh Turnbull served the Atlantic Division Vice Director 1980-1982 and Director 1982-1996. The ARRL Board named him Vice President in 1996 and Honorary VP in 2000. He was actively involved in several DC area AR Clubs and organizations, including the Foundation for Amateur Radio, made up of groups in the MD - DC and Northern Va area that awards scholarships to deserving radio amateurs.

The Quarter Century Wireless Association in 2005 awarded Trunbull for exceptional contributions and for work in QCWA selecting recipients for scholarship awards. According to his daughter, Karen Shangraw, Turnbull will be buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery.