



Rex Satterlee

October 22, 1941 - May 20, 2018

Rex Satterlee, 76, of Reasnor, Iowa and formerly of Beacon, Iowa passed away unexpectedly, Sunday, May 20, 2018, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa.

Marcy "Rex" Satterlee, son of Orval Eugene and Lena Evaline (Hubbard) Satterlee, was born October 22, 1941, at the rural St. Charles, Iowa home of his parents. Following his education, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1959. While serving his country, he worked as a radioman; this was where he developed a lifelong passion for ham radios. He was discharged in 1963 and returned home to Iowa.

November 9, 1963, Rex married the love-of-his-life, Carolyn Ann Phillips at the College Avenue Friends Church in Oskaloosa. To this union, two children were born, Brian and Jill. They first made their home in Patterson, Iowa and later lived in Des Moines, Huxley, Beacon and several other communities.

Rex made friends wherever he worked and lived; he was a community-minded person and served as the mayor of Beacon while living there. He served a full term in Reasnor and then was elected by a write-in ballot for the term he was currently serving. Rex considered his work as mayor some of the most important he accomplished; he spearheaded and facilitated the campaign to replace the sanitary sewer system in the community. His current project was a campaign to build a community center in Reasnor.

Rex had many hobbies and interests, but ham radio surpassed them all. He "ran net" twice daily for the last 55 years. He had friends and acquaintances in the ham radio world that will very much miss his presence. He also operated a CB radio, where he was known as "The Mold Maker." He enjoyed hunting, golfing, playing the guitar, and most of all, visiting with friends.

Rex is survived by his wife, Carolyn, of 54 years; his children: Brian (Christina) Satterlee of San Tan Valley, AZ and Jill (Adam) Slutsky of Bentonville, AR; five grandchildren: Steven, Jeffery (Bee, fiancé'), Chelsey Satterlee and David and Jacob Slutsky; one great-grandchild, Owen; and one brother, Clayton (Mary) Satterlee of Brentwood, CA.

Rex was preceded in death by his parents.

An open house memorial service is being held on Sunday, May 27th from 1- 3 pm at the Firehouse in Reasnor, IA, where he served as mayor for 6 years. The address to the

firehouse is 312 North St., Reasnor, IA 50232.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations towards a community center for Reasnor;

Donations can be sent to the City of Reasnor, Attn: Community Center Fund, PO Box 68, Reasnor, IA 50232."

Tribute Wall



“ Rex Satterlee

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ I never met Rex, N0DJY, in person. I chatted with him once on a VHF repeater frequency once and for years I knew him by the sound of his CW (Morse code) signal on the airwaves. He was the "net manager" of the Iowa Tall Corn Net (TLCN) and I sent my reports to him regularly. Rex encouraged, always polite and have a funny comment on occasion when checking in or out of the TLCN net. I had called the 10pm net one night and Rex faithfully checked in, or maybe he was just checking up on me to see if I was doing it and "not asleep at the switch (our Morse sending key). After the message business was handled on the net I was calling each one who checked in and wishing them a goodnight. That night I told Rex it was time for us to go (I sent, ZZZ ZZZZ for the snore). He didn't reply for a bit. I sent his call followed by a question mark. His distinctive signal came back and he said he was busy laughing because he had been ready to nod off. He said he could talk to someone in the shack but had yet to learn how to laugh and send code at the same time.

As I type this it has been a while since I heard Rex's signal on the air. In fact I sat listening for a while the evening after his passing not knowing and listening for his signal. I said a prayer and thought of Rex because he never seemed to miss the net. I was thankful to know him by the airways. Rex's distinctive sending and signal I will treasure. Glad to know him via radio and I'm sure your glad to know him as a person.

Larry J. Newby WB0B - August 08, 2018 at 12:49 PM



“ Rex -- N0DJY was just a super ham radio operator, not only as Net Control for the IOWA TALL CORN NET, but he helped make hundreds of new hams as an EXTRA CLASS VOLUNTEER EXAMINER where he gave FCC exams for new or for hams wishing to upgrade their license class. It was so much fun operating next to Rex on ham radio field day where we both laughed and made comments back and forth (only to ourselves) at the mistakes of poor operators while we set good examples for these hams. Rex had the ability to not only copy Morse code messages but hear verbal conversations at the same time. Rex will be missed on the airwaves. John Nelson KO1O Rock Creek Lake, IA

John Nelson - May 28, 2018 at 05:40 PM

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“ Rex was a good friend on the HAM airwaves and I will miss him . Steve, W0SJS

Steve Schmitz - May 27, 2018 at 05:53 PM

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“ Don & LuAnne Steenhoek lit a candle in memory of Rex Satterlee



Don & LuAnne Steenhoek - May 24, 2018 at 07:45 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rex Satterlee.



May 24, 2018 at 04:30 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rex Satterlee.



May 24, 2018 at 12:41 PM