

How a man lived and served on Easter Island in the Pacific is a long story, but for a page we hereby write: **Fr. David L. Reddy OFM \*1924-1985\* K2BUI - CEØAE** - Born on Staten Island NYC. Enrolled in the Boy Scouts of America program, earning Eagle Scout. Dave became a Franciscan Friar and ordained in 1951. I've learned the Franciscans and Order of Friars Minor are teachers in the arts, science and theology. Our subject's list of studies are not complete on this page.



He pursued doctoral studies in education and administration at the State university of NY in Buffalo. Plus teaching at Bishop Timon H.S. Buffalo. In 1969 he became aware of the need for a priest to serve the people of Easter Island, a possession of Chile and Fr. David responded in 1970. Before arrival at Easter Island he worked in Mafil, Chile for four years as pastor and then became pastor of Holy Cross Church on Easter Island, where he also served as chaplain for the jail and the leper colony as well as religion teacher in the local school.

Fr. David was an affable, conscientious and dedicated friar until his death on Easter Island June 6<sup>th</sup> 1985. He was 61 years old, a professed friar for 38 years and a priest for nearly 34 years.

We amateurs know Fr. Dave as CEØAE giving us a new one in the numbers of the hundreds of thousands. Then there was Mary Ann his QSL manager donating her time in efficient service. This process speeded up the QSL return time and far less expensive to us seekers of the paste boards.

Fr. Dave's Holy Cross Church location at Hangaroa village is the location of his efficient ham station which he also found time to provide phone patches for the students and archeologists on the island.

We don't know much about Reddy's demise, other than he became ill with a fever and there wasn't any facility locally to help him of that time. He is buried on the island and the key is silent at CEØAE, but we will remember his generosity and work ethic to put a new one on the map for us.



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There is another detailed script on K8CX Ham gallery. We feel the need to alert the faithful to this talented man.

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