

William E. Fanckboner W9INN *1923-2004* Bill of Mt. Prospect Illinois - Great ham and the Proprietor of W9INN Antennas - Following graduation from H.S. in 1942 Bill served in the U.S. Coast Guard as an aviation radioman during WWII. - He earned his pilots license and enjoyed flying for many years and our subject met his wife Suzanne via radio in 1949. Semper Paratus!

Bill turned his talents for radio and electronics into W9INN antennas some three decades ago after working for Motorola and he was a regular QST advertiser.



Mr. Fanckboner expired at the Evanston hospital 30 July 2004 at age 80 and W9INN Antennas disappeared with him. He did all of the labor by himself, so great products are effectively out of business, said his daughter, Robin Randall, "He was the business." Refunds will be mailed to those with existing orders. An ARRL member and supporter, Fanckboner turned his talents for the communications antenna business into a comfortable and

popular service to ham radio. Our subject had answers to the faithful for a lot of antenna dilemmas.

He had designed and hand built custom antennas, including the MPD5C-78, MPD-2 and MDX8C "hideaway" dipoles and Robin his daughter said "Dad was working full time until a week prior to his death." W9INN enjoyed a reputation within the amateur community for skilled workmanship and a friendly, helpful manner. A memorial service would be held 9 August 2004, family invites memorial donations to the American Cancer Society, his nephews Rev's Robert and William Niles will conduct the service.

I myself had worked Bill on 40 Meters (CW of course) during his morning schedules with the regulars around 7148 kc before the band plan changed. He had an outstanding signal and a good fist. W9INN is missed and his antenna systems are already being sought after by the fraternity.

Bill enjoyed the company of a two meter repeater group that included W9MF Dr. Bob Beam; W9SVE Leo; K9TXS Bob; W9FRT Mel and W9TO Jim Ricks of T.O. Keyer fame. They met frequently at Hackney's in Glenview for fellowship and a good time was had by all. QSL via Tony W2VRK, thanks Om! May it be so. W8SU 2008

