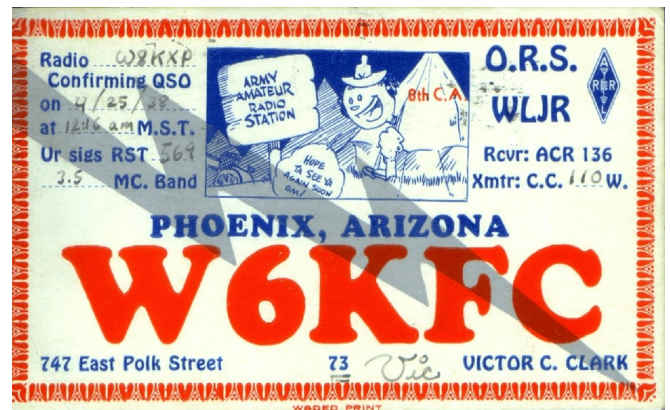
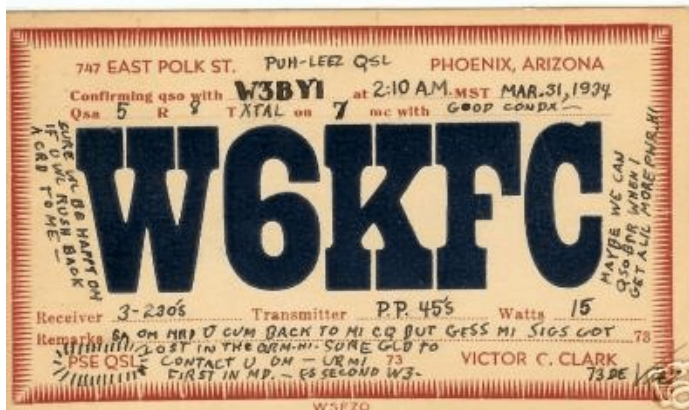


**V**ictor Clark W4KFC - W6KFC - \*1916-1983\* It didn't take long to realize we had a special person here. We have very little in his forming years, at the moment. But we do know he loved to operate his ham station and made many friends over the years. What we could find initially were comments "N4UM, in my book W4KFC was the best, a great operator and wonderful man, also a role model to thousands of other hams." A former CAA & FAA engineer. Victor a force behind Coast Guard Engineering Lab station K4CG in Alexandria, Virginia, where he retired in 1973.



Vic won the Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Award in 1936, its first year issued. A CQ Hall of Famer in 1993 - Noted DX'er and Contester. Past President of the ARRL, Newington CT. Vic's family are hams, XYL WA4PAE Hester who expired in 2005, son Kenneth K4OKZ now keeping his dad's vision alive with W4KFC & to the front with Vic Clark Youth Incentive Program - Vic Clark memorial Scholarship Fund.

Your author heard Vic on "Straight Key Night" several years in a row. He loved pounding the hand key. Mr. Clark elected President of the A.R.R.L. in 1982. These cards are from the amazing collection of [www.w8jyz.com](http://www.w8jyz.com). W8SU 2006 and added.



Added 2011, we heard from Miriam Clark Morrison of Jetersville, Va., in appreciation of the tribute to her father and added a few family facts that were valuable to us. There were six kids all toll and Andy and wife live in Tokyo, for 40 years now. Please remember them. In 1951 dad had an article published in Boys Life about proficiency in communications. (July 1951 Boys Life issue.)

As a youngster Vic loved the adventure books in the Series of Jerry Todd written by Leo Edwards, Vic had sent material on a few occasions and a poem "A Boost for Jerry Todd" Edwards autographed a book for Vic and stated "This book, autographed by the author, is an award to Victor C. Clark, whose poem appears on Page XIII. Victor, may you always treasure this book as I will treasure you in my memory. Your Pal, Leo Edwards, Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 1932.

Miriam adds; I am not a ham, but I often wondered why I didn't learn to speak morse code. Dad was such a wonderful communicator and people connector. She said "On Mother's Day 2010, I challenged myself to write 365 handwritten notes by Mother's Day 2011 as a tribute to my mother. It is intended to be something of an indirect payback for the many kindnesses given to her during the latter years of her life." These notes of gratitude are rare and keeps us continuing on. Thanks Miriam! More comments page two.

Our friend and originator of Old QSL Cards, Bob Green W8JYZ recently was contacted by Will Seippel who was a neighbor of the Clark family growing up in Clifton, Va. Will was close to Vic's kids and always looked up to Mr. Clark. Will said "I spent many nights at the Clark home, Victor, Hester and 3 daughters and 3 boys." His youngest son Roger was three years older than I and youngest daughter Jenny was 3 years younger

We built a regulation size football field on the property, lined it and built regulation goal posts and piped in football games on Sunday. It was complete with lots of wiring and speakers. We would then play 11 on 11 tackle football without pads. That was life at W4KFC.

As I recall, Kenneth was in the Navy but also that may have been Andy. Kenneth was much older than all of us.

They had a claw foot tub for 6 kids and Andy would take a bath in there for hours reading the encyclopedia. Mother Hester was a devotee to the 4-H in that day and spent hours with us all. We would stuff ham letters for Victor's officer stuff for the ham operators, sometimes all night. William (Will) Seippel

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W8SU Warren, Ohio. Cards from W8JYZ collection. - added 2019