

Louis Kruse Sandor W8QNU *1914-2007* Lou was a player in a secret that lasted 50 years. He was another of “The Dayton Codebreakers.” A Piqua Ohio product, to Joseph and Katherine (Kruse) Sandor at Manning Street. Louis became interested in radio at the young age of 12. He purchased a kit of radio parts, building electronics and learning the industry. In 1935 Lou operated a radio repair shop in Piqua with partner John Matthews.

Louis appears (W8QNU) in the 1938 Amateur Call book. While working at NCR in Dayton Sandor became involved in the top secret project “Bombe” helping to develop code equipment to break the Nazi cryptology during WW II. It was stated that Joe Desch, Bob Mumma, Lou Sandor and Vince Gulden were the complete package and the elite team needed to make the program work in the Navy research. As a result of Sandor’s outstanding service and secret mission, he received a Certificate of Commendation..



The work was documented in a film aired by Public television called “Dayton Codebreakers” and the book “Secret in Building 26A.” In an interview in his 90s, Sandor, it was stated his quality of stories, humor and incredible memory made it a pleasure to interview him.

Mr. Sandor expired at age 92 in Irmo, S. Carolina, survivors include five daughters, a son Robert Sandor of Fallbrook, Ca., fourteen grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. Some material from Dayton Codebreakers dot Org. Piqua Ohio the Atomic City has had some first class VIP’s.

Dr. Donald R. Rouse officiated, burial took place at Forest Hill Cemetery, Piqua, Ohio.

W8SU 2013 added 2014

