

The late night hours would bring out **W3NCC Richard Roxas** 1917-2013 from Pittsburgh. This talented man is still remembered in the region by his friendly and courteous way of operating a ham radio station. Never an unkind word or anger came from his lips.



Richard attended NYU from 1934 until 1937 and was ex W2BOP. He was president of the college radio club in 1934. In Richard's senior year he took a job offer in the advertising film industry with Autovision in Manhattan. It was an offer he couldn't refuse and never regretted. He later moved to Pittsburgh in 1942 with a position in Westinghouse Broadcasting on film production and enjoyed the company of some of the rich and famous.

Roxas had a professional audio studio in his home for recording projects and his ham station was incorporated in the equipment design. Officially retired, he still does consulting jobs for the advertising film industry. In 2007 Richard reached the age on 90. He could give anyone a good old fashioned AM type QSO and pontificate as such as A.M. was 60 years ago.

One thing I didn't realize about Richard was his wife Dr. Savina, earning her PHD in 1970. She also was an author and wrote poetry. There is one particularly memorable writing Savina penned concerning her dad when she was a child watching him shave. It reminded me of watching my dad as a youngster wishing I could shave too!

Savina expired in 1984 at age 86. She studied at Duquense - Carnegie Institute and received her PHD at University of Pittsburgh in 1970. Savina was on staff at Clarion State Univ in Penna and the Roxas' were married for 64 years. It still rings true, "behind every good man is a wonderful lady."

Richard is no longer on 75 Meters with that melodious voice as you won't have that treat to hear him now. He has moved on to retirement quarters and I am sure telling the stories of bygone days in NYC and The Steel City as Dubbua 2 Bottles Of Pop and W3November Charlie Charlie.

I wasn't aware at the time of the 90s Richard had a lot of health issues and was regularly driving to Cleveland for assistance and guidance. He would actually drive within a block of my home as the Toll Road angles, headed into Cleveland at the Clinic.

Good Night Mrs Calabash wherever you are! Goodnight Richard from the gang. With assistance from Clarion Univ, U of Pitts. K2UL Dan - A report of WA3HUZ has a WAV file, you might check that out with a search engine. Late note Aug 20 2013 Mr Roxas passed away peacefully, a funeral mass was held in Pittsburgh.