



SILENT KEY



Richard M. "Ric" Wallace - KF5KEL



A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, December 3, 2023 in Delhomme Chapel of the Flowers - on Bertrand Drive, Lafayette, LA for Richard "Ric" Wallace, 72, who passed away on November 28, 2023.

Ric was a long time member of the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. (AARA) and involved in many of the club's activities along with his XYL Jackie KF5PCH.

Ric was a resident of Lafayette and loved spending time with his family and was somewhat of a "renaissance man". He enjoyed historical re-enactments and going to Texas family reunions. He enjoyed woodworking, camping, blacksmithing, gunsmithing, cooking, traveling, music (playing the bagpipes), and researching genealogy. He was a ham radio operator, a patriot, and liked to be prepared in all things. Above all, Ric was a devout Christian who loved his Lord and Savior.

He is survived by his wife, Jackie P. Wallace; children, Candace Haynes and husband, Mark, Bonnie Duplantis and husband, Blaine, Erin Turner and husband, T.J., Joshua Wallace and wife, Amber, and Megan Wallace; grandchildren, Grant and Brent Haynes, Blayze, Calder, Keagan, Haydan, and Daxson Duplantis, Ian and Alister Turner, Hugh, Finn, and Celia Wallace, Devin Wallace, and Kyrstin Bila; siblings, Susi Wallace, Darren Wallace, and Summer Wallace Stone, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests that visiting hours be observed at [Delhomme Funeral Home](#) - Bertrand on Saturday, December 2, 2023 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Visiting hours will continue on Sunday, December 3, 2023 from 10:00 AM until the time of service.

The family would like to thank the staffs of Acadian Ambulance, Firefighters (Station 6), and Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center for their compassionate care.

Personal condolences may be sent to the Wallace family at:

www.delhommefuneralhome.com



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Jim Bookter — N5NVP

February 3, 1940 - November 30, 2023



Funeral services for James “Jim” Bookter Jr., N5NVP age 83, of Leesville, will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 in the [Labby Memorial Funeral Home](#) of Leesville. Burial will follow in the Castor Cemetery in Leesville.

Visitation will be Wednesday, December 6, 2023, from 1:00 P.M.–2:00 P.M in the funeral home.

Jim was born on February 3, 1940 in McComb, Mississippi and resided in Leesville, Louisiana. For a number of years, Jim and wife Irma KE5UPK lived in Lafayette, Louisiana and was a member of the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. After Irma became a SK, he then moved back to Leesville on February 17, 2017.

Jim was originally licensed in 1973 and CW was his primary mode of operation. He enjoyed building QRP transmitters and QRP transceivers and operating QRP from SOTA locations and from other places such as state & national forests and parks.

He retired from a 20 year USAF career and from a 23 year career as a Federal Civil Service worker with the US Army at Fort Polk, LA. Jim enjoyed casual “rag chewing” via CW operating on low power QRP transceivers.

Jim and XYL Irma KE5UPK usually attended many of the hamfests and Field Day sites in Louisiana. Irma became a Silent Key on June 29, 2023.



Some of his achievements are:

- ◆ Jim was a longtime ARRL member and supporter of the Louisiana Section.
- ◆ He was the Louisiana Section Affiliated Club Coordinator and Region 6 PIO.
- ◆ LA High Speed CW Net Manager, and LA Slow Speed CW Training Net Manager,
- ◆ Vvery active on the National Traffic System.
- ◆ Former DEC LA Region 4 from 5 Nov 2015 to 30 May 2016
- ◆ Former LA Section Traffic Manager
- ◆ Member of Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA) Chapters 85 & 109
- ◆ Born again Christian and member of the Baptist Church.

This is about all I have at this time at which some of the information was found on QRZ and Jim’s Facebook page.

-de Herman KN5GRK