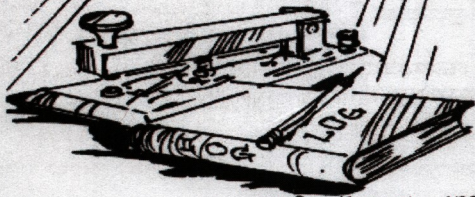


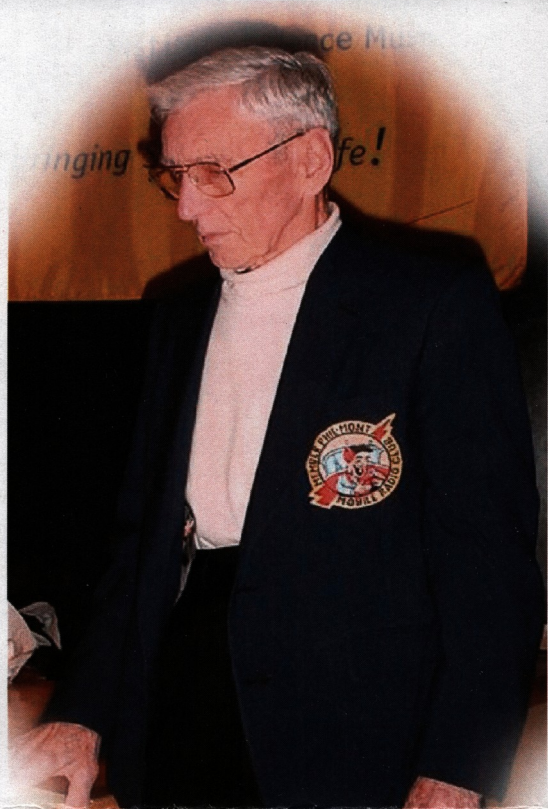
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# Silent Key



art: Sam Kuncovich - N3QIE

Jim Spencer W3BBB  
SK October 24, 2006



It is our very sad duty to report that after this issue of The Blurb went to press, we received the news that Jim Spencer, W3BBB (ex-W3QQH), founding member and patriarch of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club has passed away. At this time we have no further details, but PMRC will publish them as they become available.

Jim touched the lives of just about everyone in Phil-Mont, and this quick bulletin cannot begin to do justice to what he meant to us all both individually and as an organization, and to Amateur Radio.

We will have a much more detailed tribute to Jim in our December issue. We ask that those who have remeberances or photographs to contribute please forward them to the Blurb editor; contact information on Page 2 of every issue.

In 1975, Jim became a member of the Lu Lu Country Club where he discovered the endless joy of 'chasing the little white ball'. Elaine and Jim played golf together regularly at Lu Lu, traveled extensively, playing in Hawaii, Arizona, Florida, and South Carolina. They were thrilled to have the opportunity to travel to England and play golf were the game started in Scotland, then made a transatlantic return on the Queen Elizabeth II. Jim's last round was played with his wife and daughter in the spring of 2004 where he shot a marvelous round of 89 at age 80.



Jim was known by everyone as a quiet man, who treated others with compassion, love and respect. He was a calm, laid-back individual who rarely got upset about anything, and never lost his temper, no matter how bad the situation looked. He lived his life every day by the

words of the serenity prayer on his desk: 'God grant me the strength to accept things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference'.

*Jim, we will love you always, wonderful Husband, Father and Friend.*



W3BBB

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*In Loving Memory*

*Clinton R. Spencer Jr.*

*December 27, 1923  
to  
October 24, 2006.*

## Clinton R. Spencer Jr.

Clinton R. (Jim) Spencer, Jr. was born December 27, 1923 in Abington PA. He was the son of Clinton R. Sr. and Ellen (Strode) Spencer. He graduated from Abington High School in 1941 and served in the Army Signal Corps, from December 1942 to December 1945 as a telephone repair man in the



101<sup>st</sup> Signal Battalion. Jim began in Cape Crowder Missouri and spent time in Hawaii, with service in the Philippines, Okinawa and Korea before returning to the states. Jim took over his father's building and maintenance business in 1946.

Jim was introduced to Elaine Keyser by their respective fathers, who served together in World War I. They were married on February 26, 1949 and lived in an apartment in Glenside until



Jim built their home on Central Avenue in North Hills. Their first son, Rick was born in December 1951. Jayne arrived in February 1955 and Duane in September 1957. They lived in North Hills for 31 years. In 1983 they relocated to Lansdale and remained there until 2005, when they entered the Telford Lutheran Community. Jim has three Grandchildren, Keri, Christopher and Daniel.



Jim was self-employed as a building and maintenance contractor. He worked primarily doing additions and renovations to existing structures. He built three single homes other than his North Hills home, the WFLN Radio Station, several Microwave Relay Facilities for a large communications company, and a warehouse facility for a candy manufacturer. He continued to work part time thru his sixties until he finally retired in 1994.



Jim became a member of the Edge Hill Fire Company where he served as Captain of the Fire Police for 25 years. He was a Life Member of that organization.

Jim was a charter member of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club. He was part of a select group who founded the club in 1949, and Jim got his Class B amateur radio license (W3QQH) in 1950. He acquired an additional license (W3BBB) in 1955. Jim's expertise in building construction and electronics gave him the tools necessary to create five mobile communications vehicles, three educational amateur radio stations in the Franklin Institute and several radio repeater facilities. This helped enhance Amateur Radio as a hobby and improve the availability of emergency communications in the Philadelphia area. Jim's guiding presence was felt by many members of the radio club. He donated countless hours to help others in the pursuit



of this hobby. Jim was awarded the "Grand Ole Ham" from the Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL) in 1993.

**TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Lansdale, Pennsylvania

**THE FUNERAL SERVICE**

for

**Clinton R. Spencer, Jr.**

**December 27, 1923 ~ October 24, 2006**

October 28, 2006

12:30 p.m.

- The Prelude
- \* The Lord's Prayer ..... Solo
- \* The Invocation..... page 206
- \* Hymn – *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*.....LBW #448
- \* The Prayer..... page 207

Scripture Readings

II Timothy 4: 6b-8  
I Corinthians 12: 31- 13: 13  
John 14:1-6

- Meditation
- \* Hymn – *Beautiful Savior* .....LBW #518
- \* Hymn – *On Eagles Wings* .....LBW #779
- \* The Creed..... page 209
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- \* The Commendation..... page 211
- \* The Dismissal..... page 211
- \* Hymn – *How Great Thou Art*.....LBW #532
- \* Recessional and Postlude

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\* Those that are able are invited to stand

Officiating Clergy: The Rev. Dayle A. Malloy  
Organist: Eric G. Gombert, Rudolph A. Lucente  
Soloist: Clare Lucente

After the service all are invited to a luncheon in Hyson Hall.