



RADOM, Stoney Russell

1919 – 2007

Born March 8, 1919, Stan passed away March 19, 2007. A native of Los Angeles, Stan graduated in 1949 from UCLA with a BS degree in Physics; he was also a graduate of the Executive Program at UCLA Graduate School of Business Administration and the Harvard Business School Advanced Management Program.



During World War II, as a first lieutenant in the US Marine Corps, Stan served in the Air Warning Squadron Seven that received the Presidential Unit Citation. Stan studied British and American radar and was selected to take the first microwave height-finding radar into action in the Pacific with the team of Marine Night Fighter Squadron and Air Warning Squadron where he served as Ground Controlled Intercept Radar Officer. He was involved in the landing and battle for Okinawa and, at war's end, was stationed at the northernmost tip of Okinawa (Hedo Saki). He earned a combat action ribbon. He later served in China as Staff Radio-Radar Officer of the First Marine Air Wing, and was known as a "China Marine."

From 1949 to 1958 he served at the Naval Missile Center, Point Mugu, primarily as Chief, Electronics Warfare Division, and Deputy Missile Test Officer. He personally directed implementation of the Missile Impact Location System (MILS) that scored missile accuracy on locations throughout the Pacific. From 1958 until 1964 he was with the Pacific Missile range (PMR) Headquarters where he held the top civilian position of Technical Director. He was given the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award. In 1964 he served as Technical Director and Advisor to the commander at the Space and Missile Test Center (SAMTEC). He provided top management with technical continuity and furnished broad program direction to directorates of engineering, operations, and support in matters of launch area support, integration of instrumentation systems and development of range facilities for missile and space system support. He retired in 1974 from Vandenberg Air Force Base.

His civic and community activities included serving as Santa Barbara County Planning Commissioner, as a member of the Airport Committee. He was a cofounder in the County Fish and Game Commission and was secretary for most of 32 years. He was a Hunter Safety Instructor for the California Department of Fish and Game, and served as president of Sportsmen's Council of Central California, and a member of Santa Ynez Valley Sportsmen's Association. He was also a past president of the California Wildlife Federation, and was on the board of the Central Coast Salmon Enhancement Inc. for many years; he was also a member of the California Rural Water Association, and had a Coast Guard license. From the time when he was young Stan was active in amateur (ham) radio operations. He was a member of the "Mountain Vultures"-W6MV

He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Sharon; his son Russell Radom and wife Barbara; daughter Rachel (Chris) Crevoshay; niece Stephanie Wexler; grand niece Jessica Wexler; nephew Robert Hershon; and his most recent German Shorthairs Duke and Duchess.

There will be no formal services. A Celebration of Stan's life will be held May 6th at the Santa Ynez Valley Sportsmen's Association Clubhouse at 2:00PM. In lieu of flowers memorial gifts may be sent in Stan's name to the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) of the Santa Ynez Valley Sportsmen's Club, P.O. Box 453, Santa Ynez, 93460, or to Harrison Hardware in Santa Ynez to purchase fishing equipment for underprivileged children.

"This is W6KBY signing off, 73s and 88s."