

Remembering Miriam Smith

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I would like to thank WCARS and the individual members for the kindness expressed following the very unexpected death of my wife Miriam, KB4C. I would not dare mention specific names, for fear of overlooking someone. Suffice to say that the overwhelming display of sympathy by so very many radio amateurs is something I will treasure forever. Miriam didn't quite make the twenty years required to be an Old Timer, but she left a long trail of accomplishments in the nineteen years she was licensed. Many of you will have memories of her efforts as the Buncombe County Emergency Coordinator/ RACES Radio Officer in the late 70's. Others will remember Miriam as a Volunteer Examiner and most of you remember her efforts as the editor of the WCARS Smoketest, where her efforts were rewarded by receiving the top honors from the Amateur Radio News Service. Many of you were assisted by Miriam with computer problems, some will remember her for her efforts on the Hamfest dealer committee and others will recall her efforts at pursuing the establishment of a Western North Carolina packet BBS for local use and emergency communications when needed.

I remember her as a loving companion who shared my passion for amateur radio and serving our fellow amateurs as well as the public when we were needed. Most of all I will remember Miriam as my very best friend, and that probably says it best of all. I will miss her very much but I will cherish my memories of all the good things that she did and all of the good times which we shared together.

Once again, thanks to all of you for remembering Miriam – my friend and yours,

Very 73,

Carl Smith, N4AA and the entire Smith family.