



## John Paul Rupert

October 2, 1944 - February 4, 2021

John Paul Rupert, 76, of Jackson, Ohio, passed away February 4, 2021, at Adena Medical Center, Chillicothe, Ohio. Johnny was born, October 2, 1944, in Jackson, Ohio, to Elmer and Laura (Nicholson) Rupert (both deceased).

He attended Jackson High School in Jackson, Ohio, class of 1962. He continued his education at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. For over 53 years, he enjoyed Amateur Radio (W8GPA and K8NCJ) where he made many contacts and friends, by voice and morse code. He loved his family and was always available to help anyone in need. He could build a house, work a farm, work with electrical and communication equipment, and setup computers, a true 'Jack of All Trades'.

He served four years in the Air Force, and was honorable discharged. He retired from GTE (local phone company) and then also retired from Capital University.

He was musically talented, he played trombone, baritone, and piano. He loved playing cards, it was an activity that was enjoyed by his mother, wife, and kids. He was a member of Grange, Masons, helped with Boy Scouts, and started the Local Amateur Radio Club. He worked with FEMA and Emergency Response Teams, providing a communication grid, during emergencies. He was always working on radios and the smell of solder was always in the air.

In his retirement, he loved working on radios, talking with people all over the world, watching the wildlife around his home and spending time with his wife, kids, and grandkids. He also, loved fishing with the grandkids.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Penny (Walker) Rupert of Jackson, Ohio; his children, John F (Jay) Rupert of Jackson, Ohio, Melissa Caulkins (Duane) of Clarkston, Michigan, Beth Grubaugh (Robert) of Miami, Florida, and Christopher Rupert of Columbus, Ohio; grandkids, Andrew John (AJ) Caulkins of Arlington, Virginia, Kyrsten Caulkins of Saint Clair Shores, Michigan, Gregory Rupert, Xavier Rupert, and Casey

Rupert, all of Jackson, Ohio, Kaitlyn Grubaugh and Lillian Grubaugh, both of Miami, Florida.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.mayhew-brownfuneralhome.com](http://www.mayhew-brownfuneralhome.com)

Arrangements are by the Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home in Jackson.

# Comments

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“ very sorry to hear of the passing of Rupe, like many on here I spent many hours on the air with him he was quite the gentleman and a class act as a operator. your feet will forever be warm walking in heaven.

73' s My friend

Marty N8XPK

**marty** - February 14 at 07:26 PM

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“ John and I go way back to 1958 when we both got our Novice ham radio licenses. We had many long conversations over the air using Morse code. A long time friend whio will be greatly missed. Andy Elliott-K8LE

**Andy Elliott** - February 13 at 12:26 PM

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“ John's parents' house was across the road from my parents' farm. Up until the age of 12, John and I played together every day. We both attended Bloomfield school. If we didn't have toys, we made them. I have many good memories of our childhood together.

**George Thornton** - February 13 at 10:06 AM

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“ I finally got to meet Rupe at a Hamfest there in Ohio after talking with him for many years on HAM Radio AM. I knew it was him when I saw him, so I decided to walk right up to him and started asking what he thought about a purchase I just made, knowing he did know who I was at the time. After listening to me for a few seconds, he spouts out "Dag Nabbit Dan, Is that you?" I sure got a kick out of that. Rupe sure will be missed.

Dan KD4UMU

**Dan Jeffries** - February 13 at 09:20 AM

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“ Talked to "Rupe" many times on 160 meter AM. Seems that he was on most evenings and we crossed paths often. He had a very distinctive voice over the radio. He had many ham radio friends. Sorry to hear of his passing. Condolences to all in his extended family.  
Regards Ken Koyan K8TV

**Kenneth R Koyan** - February 12 at 08:35 PM

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“ Met Rupe on ham radio about 6 years ago. I talked to him many times on the radio - especially 75 and 40 meters on AM. He was my first contact on AM about 6 years ago. I was first licensed in 1971, so been a ham many years. Rupe will be very much missed by so many hams. He has so many ham friends - many locally from Illinois, like myself, Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin, Michigan and many other states near Ohio.

73,  
W8GPA de WB9IFE - Chuck

**Charles Menard** - February 12 at 01:44 PM



“ Rupe and I got our first amateur radio licenses in July, 1958! We have both been active hams over the years since. Rupe & I were the only hams in high school. We spent many times in long conversations over the air using Morse code. It takes a long time to converse at 5 words per minute! But we advanced and earned full privileges, and were able to talk to hams all over the world. We talked recently and were looking forward to having lunch and reminiscing, but covid 19 prevented that, which I deeply regret. Farewell old friend.

Andy Elliott-K8LE

**Andy Elliott** - February 12 at 07:26 PM

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“ Dear Rupert family, While I did not know John personally, we once exchanged emails about his call sign, W8GPA, because when I became a Novice in 1969 at age 11, my Novice call was WN8GPA when we lived in Michigan. I've always loved the "GPA" rhythm in CW (Morse code). I came across John's obituary today, and am very sorry for your recent loss. Sending sincere condolences from Arizona. Jack L. Sheldon, Jr., CPA, KN7Y

**Jack Sheldon Jr** - February 12 at 11:12 AM

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“ We are so sorry for Rupert family 's loss. We continue to keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Jim and Krista Bee

**Krista Bee** - February 11 at 02:00 PM

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“ My sincere condolences to his family, Rupe was a very friendly guy and was my first AM contact.

You will be missed on the airwaves.

Don W9BHI

**Don Rudolph** - February 11 at 10:30 AM

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“ Rupe was a pistol, a real tribute to the ham community. John used the nickname Rupe to seperate himself from the others with the same name I believe. But that voice was well known. The first time I called his house to talk radio shop, his lovely bride of many years answered. I asked for Rupe, she replied WHO?? I smiled and asked if John was there.

My condolences to the family

BTW... I had the privilege of meeting John(Rupe) in person, he really did have some low tones to his voice!

I'll never forget that low votage jolt he gave me working with him on that DX100 at his home shack.

Jerry K9GAS

**Jerry Sitton** - February 10 at 08:46 PM

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“ Sincere condolences from the members of the Midwest Classic Radio Net. Harry N9CQX

**HAROLD H BLESY** - February 10 at 03:34 PM

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“ I'm really sorry to hear of this loss. I talked many times with Rupe on the ham bands, he was always so very friendly and a nice guy, we will surly miss him. My Condolence's to the family.

Tim WB8UHZ

Tim - February 10 at 02:58 PM



“ Rupe had a really good sense of humor and he would catch you off guard and throw a zinger at you. When Rupe said his feet were cold you knew he was getting ready to say 73. We'll miss him on the air.

Jeff

W9XRT

Jeff Main - February 10 at 09:55 PM

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“ W8GPA - Rupe was a good radio friend of mine for many years and I will miss his fun filled QSO's on 160 meters AM Phone in the evenings... I knew something was wrong because he hasn't been on the radio for a good while and he was a fixture on 1880kc...

73 Rupe Mike - KD8CVY

Mike Sutphen - February 10 at 12:26 PM

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“ I talked with “Rupe” on the air quite often. He was always friendly and cheerful. His voice was distinctive and will be missed on the airwaves. Rest In Peace my friend. Borgi K9YQQ

James Borgioli - February 10 at 10:01 AM

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“ I worked with John at GTE and then he and his family moved into a house across the road from my family. He was a good friend of my dads because they both were avid amateur radio operator.

You will be missed.

CQ CQ CQ (only radio operators will understand)

You will be in my thoughts n prayers

Robin Ross Greene

Robin Greene - February 10 at 08:22 AM

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“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of John Paul Rupert.



February 10 at 06:57 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for Penny and the family.

**Paulette and Steve Richards** - February 10 at 06:53 AM