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Mr. Gary Duane Poorman, age 70, of Villa Rica, Ga., passed away in the early morning of Dec. 23, 2009.

He was born Nov. 13, 1939 in Lock Haven, the son of the late Wilson and Margaret Poorman.

Gary is survived by his wife of 48 years, Norene Bilyou Poorman; his three children, Susan Myers and her husband David, Edward Poorman and his wife Lynne, and Lynda Champion and her husband Jeff; his sister, Patricia P. Scheid and her husband James; brother Terry Poorman and his wife Cheryl; and his five grandchildren, Laura Myers Carr and her husband Cody, Andrew Poorman, Matthew Poorman, Amanda Myers and Nicholas Champion; sister-in-law Sylvia Poorman; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Gary was preceded in death by his brother Paul A. Poorman of Akron, Ohio.

Gary was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, 1st Class Petty Officer in charge of radio communications. After the military, he attended Williamsport Technical Institute until his employment at HRB Singer in State College. His career in communications spanned the last 50 years beginning at Mel Par in Virginia; Hardy Richardson Radio Shop in Washington, D.C., servicing the Capitol Police radios and area customers; and Computer Sciences Corp. for transit systems, including Marta. He then became a co-founder of Loudoun Communications Inc. as chief engineer in Douglasville, Ga., from which he retired in 1993.

Gary loved hamming and was a lifetime member of ARRL, and an amateur radio operator for 55 years with the current call sign of K4VT. Gary loved gardening, home improvement and restoration of antique amateur radios.

He was a wonderful husband, brother, father and friend and he will be greatly missed by those who had the privilege of knowing him. Gary was Methodist by faith.

The family received friends at the Whitley-Garner at Rosehaven Funeral Home in Douglasville, Ga., on Sunday, Dec. 27, 2009 from 5 to 7 p.m. The funeral service was held on Monday, Dec. 28 at 4 p.m. in the Rosehaven Chapel with Rev. Mike Lee officiating. Interment followed at Rosehaven Memorial Park.