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James ED. Norton KA8SHZ

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of James "Kingfish" Norton KA8SHZ of Cedar Springs, MI. Jim was a friend to many of us as well as a member of the MDXA. Jim was Co-Founder of MARA...the Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance....he also Co-Founded the Brass Ponders Bang Better club! Jim was a great CW man...he made thousands of contacts all over the world! He also held DXCC-WAS-WAC and at least 50 other awards. His radio collection was fantastic, you name it he had it. The most important thing to remember was that Jim was and is a friend to many. He will be greatly missed by myself and the many people who came in contact with him. Jim was famous for saying "Ye Shall Know Them by Their Call Sign"...Jim was a man of great vision, I can think of at least 2 clubs that would never have existed without him! Jim Norton and Chuck LeMarbre came up with the idea for the Great Lakes Award, Jim did all of the Art work while Chuck did the structure of the award. Today the Great Lakes Award hangs in hundreds of Ham shacks across the world. R.I.P. my friend.