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Leonard Schaafsma W8SPX

Leonard Schaafsma W8SPX. Leonard, who just turned 95 years old on November 19th, passed away on July 12, 2010. Leonard has been a ham for 74 years (since 1935). Leonard has earned our respect by consistently holding high standards in whatever he attempted or accomplished in ham radio, and in his work.

He always helped everybody who asks for his help. He has provided many young hams with the role model of always being the gentlemen, and of always be sincere if you offer help. He has the same call sign since he began in ham radio and is an active member of GRARA and MARA. He still works on the HF and VHF bands and can usually be found at local Swaps. He has participated in many local Ham Conventions held in the GR area, and many Field Days for many clubs and can tell you stories about how GR hams started the first repeater in the area. Leonard converted and maintained the generators for GRARA that were used during Field Day and emergencies. Leonard became a regular at our awards presentations and Saturday morning breakfast.

You brought joy to all our lives Leonard.

Rest in Peace, our friend.