



# Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance

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## **Carl A Thompson WA8AAT**

Carl A Thompson, WA8AAT, has been a solid fixture in the Grand Rapids area since he became a Ham in 1965. Public service was where he excelled! He was responsible for including Ham Radio in the Old Kent River Bank run. Before Ham Radio, CB-11meters was used. He also had a hand in operating packet to keep track of the runners. Since 1965, he volunteered with the Kent County Civil Defense and the Civil Air Patrol: Red Robin, for 22 years.

He also volunteered with the American Red Cross and the RSVP program: Retired and Senior Volunteer Program.

In 2000, Carl and his wife Evelyn, were acknowledged for their significant contributions by being awarded "West Michigan Ham of the year".

Being ill in his later years didn't stop him from helping others deal with the loss of a loved one.

Thank you Carl. You have added so much to our lives.

R.I.P.