



## Dean Spratt

January 23, 2007

Spratt, Dean First Local On-Air Traffic Reporter, age 54, of Mpls, passed away Jan. 20, 2007. Preceded in death by father, Ray. He will be dearly missed by his wife, Carolyn; children, Benjamin, Elizabeth, Lisa, Jerimy, Joshua & Jim; mother, Mary; siblings, Debbie (Gary) Nelson, Cheryl (Bradley) Korkowski, Brad (Sandy), Mike, Kelly (Vicki), Kevin (Joni) and Chris (Dave) Wengronowitz; godmother, Jean Westphal; nieces, nephew, aunts, uncles, other relatives and numerous friends worldwide. Memorials to the family are preferred. Private interment. Mass of Resurrection 2:00 PM Wed., Jan. 24, 2007 at the Church of the Epiphany, 111th & Hanson Blvd. NW, Coon Rapids. Visitation at church one hour prior to Mass and Tuesday, 4-8 PM with vigil prayers 4 PM at: Washburn-McReavy Coon Rapids Chapel 763-767-1000 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.

# Tribute Wall

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*Carmine Zappala,*

*Reading, Pennsylvania*

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“ I was big into CB radio back in the middle to late 1970's ("Music Man" then "Circuit Breaker"). One night as I talked with a buddy ("Dr. Pepper") we heard someone calling CQ. We were operating on channel 38 USB and we let the guy come through. We needed to clarify him a bit because the signal was so strong. He suggested that I should check my SWR...it sounded to him that it could be high. I went ahead and checked it to discover that this guy was dead-on! I had somehow slipped up to a 2:1 match. I was astonished. How could someone tell just by listening that there was a mis-match? I asked another friend about it a few days later and she ("Pink Lady") informed me that I had been talking with Dean Spratt. She has been assisting lost truckers and motorists for many years and explained that if there's ever a time that she can't help someone find their destination she gets ahold of Deano. I never had the pleasure of meeting Dean but was certainly an avid listener when it was traffic time on 'CCO.

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“ may i extend sincere condolences to dean's family and hope that your memories will help ease your sadness.i'm sorry i'm unable to join in the celebration of his life in person but i shall be there in spirit.we were first (fast) friends at kvsc-fm - it was a humble start of many broadcast careers and a life of adventures.dean offered to fix my console TV (with tubes!) in st.cloud and i offered to pay him with chocolate. i always told him the green m&m's tasted best! he pretended to believe me.his favorite movie was "fantasia".many of our friday night softball games were better because dean was the umpire. we agreed to abide by his calls.i can still cringe at the thought of a door closing on his fingers (!) at a party. i thought for sure there might be permanent damage. he quickly forgave my clumsiness and toasted with another beer.at the time i was horrified to think kevin let dean drive the vw beetle in an empty parking lot! and it didn't take me too long to think it's great he got to experience so much of life - his way. it was always lively and interesting to be around dean. everything seemed possible. it's a privilege to know his gifts. and now maybe a star with a new glow. time is sometimes the greatest distance - ben was about 5 the last time i saw dean, we talked a few times after that and then his life grew richer again with his new family; carolyn and the kids.dean, i always wanted to be a backup singer in a band, maybe you'll save a spot for me in your heavenly act. you know i can't sing but maybe i can sway in the background. blessings to dean's family and friends around the world. most fondly,

~

*peggy keane,*

*minneapolis, Minnesota*

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*Denise Elfelt,*

*Champlin, Minnesota*

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MR

“ Dearest Carolyn,Elizabeth&Lisa-Wow what a wonderful husband ,dad and friend Dean is . Everytime i think of Dean I SMILE,what a funny man he is.I sure miss hearing his voice. When I would call for Carolyn,Dean and I would end up talking about anything and everything and at the end of the conversation I would be laughing.Thank You Carolyn for sharing your WONDERFUL husband with the world.All our thoughts and Prayers.

~

*Mimi Randazza-Riley,*

*mpls., Minnesota*

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*Debbie Mohn,*

*Anoka, Minnesota*

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**Debbie Mohn** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Twin Cities radio has lost a legend and a true broadcast pioneer. Dean's amazing ability to accurately and vividly describe highly detailed traffic information gleaned from a bank of scanners just moments before -- set the standard for all those who followed. The fact that most listeners, especially early in his career, had no idea he was blind speaks for itself. As a former colleague of Dean's, I had the privilege of watching him work up close. He was uncompromising when it came to the quality and content of his reports and expected the same degree of professionalism from others. His technical skill, knowledge and enthusiasm for all things radio elevated the performance of everyone around him. From NASA to NASCAR and beyond, Dean's expertise was nothing short of amazing. His unique blend of talent, personality and loyalty to friends truly made him one of a kind. Dean's passing leaves a void in the radio community that will not soon be filled. My deepest sympathy to Carolyn, his children and extended family.

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DW

“ This young wannabe musician first met Dean through amature radio back in the 70's in St. Cloud. I'd go over to his house and he'd knock my socks off with his piano playing and singing. I was just a teenager but soaked up every minute watching him play. It was always a treat to hear him on the radio giving the traffic updates. Good memories of a good guy.

~

*Dennis Warner,*

*Clearwater, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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Dennis Warner - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ I remember hearing Dean play in a band when I was a 10th grader at South High (in the same class as his younger sis Cheryl) & was impressed by his musical talent--years later, I enjoyed his traffic reports on 'CCO--He was always a very quality person & my heartfelt thoughts & prayers are with his family.

~

*Linnea Johnson Hoff,*

*Minneapolis*

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**Linnea Johnson Hoff** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ My condolences to Carolyn and everyone else in Dean’s family. Dean and I met in 1972 when I arrived in St. Cloud to pursue a degree in Print Journalism. Once on campus I discovered there was a college Radio Station, and when I went there to check it out dean was one of the first people to welcome me. I was born legally blind, and like Dean, I had a childhood dream to be a Radio Broadcaster. My hopes of realizing this dream had been dealt a serious setback when I was denied acceptance to Brown Institute, the then most respected school for those aspiring to a career in Radio. Meeting Dean restored my belief in my potential to be a Radio broadcaster. Here was a Blind Person who wasn’t just learning to be a Broadcast Professional, but rather someone who was already there and had not yet been discovered by a Commercial Radio Station that would be enriched by having him on their team. Dean became a teacher, a colleague and a very good friend. We celebrated each others successes in Radio, and in life, and supported one and other during times of setback. Whether it was his commitment to his family, enthusiasm for being on the cutting edge of technology, his passion for NASCAR, his love of performing (or just listening to) music, his insatiable appetite for engaging conversation or his brilliance with all things Radio Dean was a very special person, and those of us who knew and were fortunate enough to have been his friends were blessed with that relationship. While we haven’t talked as much over the past several years as we used to, I feel an emptiness knowing I can’t just pick up the phone and call for one of those always engaging chats that often left me feeling better at the end than when the talk began. Peace my friend, and ease into your next life knowing that you left a lot of us better off for having known you in this one. Till we meet again.

~

*Tom Lijewski,*

*Minneapolis, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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JG

“ I went to high school with Dean and i can close my eyes and picture him running thru the halls and up and down stairs. Dean had a great sense of humor and was the instigator of many practical jokes as well as the victim. This trait provided for many humorous memories after high school as one of many friends amongst cb'ers. Although we lost track of each other over the years I have spent numerous times regaling others about the hundreds of times that Dean kept all of us laughing so hard that our sides would hurt. Deepest sympathies to the Spratt family Dean may be gone physically but he will continue to live in my memories.

~

*Jerry "Crapgame" Grengs,*

*Anoka, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Jerry "Crapgame" Grengs** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ To Carolyn, children and Spratt Families, I am a younger cousin of Dean's on his dad's side. Uncle Ray - God bless his soul. Growing up we only made it to Mpls. twice that I know of and not much more than that since. Your family came here more often, but had so many relatives to see that we were lucky to spend a few hours getting to know you. Reading through the guest book I can see that we have truly missed out! It tells us that Dean had many friends, was an inspiration to others and had a voice that the people of Mpls. new and were proud of. Our deepest sympathy to you on your loss. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad, sad time.

~

*Dean & Kim (Hall) Laturnus,*

*Munich, North Dakota*

*Contact Me*

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**Dean & Kim (Hall) Laturnus** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *I played with Dean in a band since 1991. We spent many hours before, during and after the gigs discussing everything from Nascar to politics, and of course telling jokes. Dean had a wonderful sense of humor. He was a true professional, always on time and ready to go, always giving 110%. God's band got a whole lot better last Saturday. He gave 110% to his family too. Nothing made him more proud than talking about Carolyn and the kids. He was a very caring person who will be deeply missed by all of us.*

~

*Dale Schultz,*

*Savage, Minnesota*

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**Dale Schultz** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ All my condolences go out to Dean's family. I remember sitting in with Fritz, Fritz, Firtz & Spratt at the Commodore Club in Sartell, MN. What a great guy he was. He will be remembered.

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*Bob Cap,*

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*Contact Me*

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*Deb Daniels,*

*Mpls, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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GA

“ *Hunter Nissan, Lincoln-Mercury in Hendersonville, NC extends the deepest of sorrow for your loss of Dean. Our prayers are with him through Mandie. Good Bless, Gary*

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*Gary Alfreds,*

*Hendersonville, North Carolina*

*Contact Me*

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*Deb Daniels,*

*Mpls, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

**Deb Daniels** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ I'LL NEVER FORGET THE TIME I MET DEAN. I WAS ON A FIRE CREW THAT RESPONDED TO HIS BUILDING FOR A FIRE ALARM, UPON ARRIVING HE WAS OUTSIDE WAITING FOR US READY TO TAKE US TO THE ALARM BOX FOR THE RESET AND HELP OUT, WE KNEW WHO HE WAS BY THE VOICE RIGHT AWAY. WE HAD MOVED DOWN FROM THE DOOR A FEW FEET SO WHEN HE WHIRLED TO HEAD INTO THE BUILDING HE RACED RIGHT INTO THE BUSHES NEXT TO THE DOOR, THERE HE WAS THRASHING AROUND, A FIREMAN WAS HEARD TO SAY, "AH DEANO? I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU KNEW WHERE THE ALARM BOX WAS...I DON'T THINK IT'S IN THERE!?" SO WE HAD A GOOD LAUGH, WE FOUND THE ALARM BOX AND AFTER HE SHOWED US ALL THE RADIOS AND STUFF HE HAD FOR HIS REPORTS, GREAT GUY, SAD LOSS FOR ALL, KEVIN MCKINSTRY MPLS FIRE RETIRED

~

KEVIN MCKINSTRY,

BUFFALO, Minnesota

*Contact Me*

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**KEVIN MCKINSTRY** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Dean via my husband Dave Daniel. Even though I did not know him as well as Dave and others, Dean was an awesome person and musician. When I first met Dean, he seemed like a real easy going guy, had a good sense of humor and just made you feel comfortable from the get go. It's been quite a few years since I heard him sing/play, some of my favorites were hearing Dean play/sing any Eagles tune. I love to hear Dave tell me stories about his playing days with Dean! It touches me to know that he left such a notable impression and everlasting memories with Dave. My condolences to the Spratt family, Dean will always be in your hearts and may you find comfort in knowing that he will be forever remembered by many.

~

*Mona Daniel,*

*St. Joseph, Minnesota*

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**Mona Daniel** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CK

“*Deano was the best. His laugh will live on forever. I loved having him on the air with me. Now the scales have been removed from his eyes. Praise God.*

~

*Chuck knapp,*

*Minneapolis, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Chuck knapp** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DL

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*David & Lyn Lewis,*

*Asheville, North Carolina*

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**David & Lyn Lewis** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ a great broadcaster, too. even when i was snowed in, i'd listen to his traffic reports. he was a darn good listen. whatever he did, he did with class and grace and passion. 73s, dean. and QRT, for now

~

*jim wishner,*

*st paul, Minnesota*

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**jim wishner** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ My deepest sympathy to the Spratt Family. I worked with Dean for several years. Not directly but in another division of company. I also worked with him at WCCO. Dean was a magnificent person. He could not see-but he saw more than all of us. I would seek Dean out to discuss all topics under the Sun. Each and every time we spoke, I felt I came away better informed and touched by a friend. To his Son in the Army (don't know your name), your Dad told me a story that he was most proud of. It was about your service in Iraq (and thank you for that)and the time you blew up a latrine! FABULOUS! Never met you but admire you. Dean Spratt was one of a kind, brilliant, a friend and always always willing to help. I will miss you Dean. I will not ever forget you.

~

Andy Stavast,

Eden Prairie

*Contact Me*

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**Andy Stavast** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ To some he was Dean, to others Deano and also know as Spratt, on 'cco, But to me, he was dad, father, someone to look up to. He has influenced my life, just as much as everyone elses. He was the kind of person who you would meet, and ten seconds later, be talking like you new each other for years. He has been a wonderful dad, and I am so greatful for the 12 years I got to spend with him. May he rest in peace, in the hands of God.

~

*Lisa Spratt,*

*Minneapolis, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Lisa Spratt** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ My deepest sympathy to the entire Spratt family. I know how close the entire Spratt family was and how it will be affected by this, I have know the Spratt Family from the Neighborhood and my brothers that have went to school with him and his sisters in the late 60's and early 70's and I went to school with his younger brothers and sisters. One thing that I'll always remember is the ear he had when Kelly (brother) was trying to set up his car stereo in the family garage.... You couldn't ever get anyone better to do this and the insight he always had. May God comfort the Spratt family during these hard times.

~

*Jim Fink,*

*E.Bethel, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Jim Fink** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Hey Deano, I have often felt that perhaps the greatest challenge we face is the legacy we leave behind. A legacy filled with love, honor, respect and inspiration. Without a doubt you have done well my friend. You will be greatly missed. All our love to you and your family. Jerry, Meg, Zach, and Sarah.

~

*Jerry Peterson,*

*Big Lake*

*Contact Me*

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**Jerry Peterson** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Was very sorry to hear about Deanhe will be missed especially by the W0kie family and satellite audio listeners. My sincere condolences go out to his family.

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*Ringo Dee Star,*

*Corlandt Manor, New York*

*Contact Me*

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**Ringo Dee Star** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ I've always enjoyed Dean's shows on cband satellite radio, & will truly miss him & his sense of humor. My condolences to Dean's family.

~

*Kevin,*

*Rochester, Minnesota*

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**Kevin** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I was hurt beyond life that we didn't get 30 more years together, but now I feel so blessed to have gotten the 16 we did; blessed with 4 wonderful boys and 2 equally wonderful girls, all of whom love him dearly. 16 exciting years of marriage (never a dull moment, jam-packed with technology, and many, many fond memories), and friends like all of you. Dean knows and loves all of you, and it warms my heart beyond belief to see his many friends write here. I hope you know how much he cared for all of you. If you knew him well, you knew with Dean there was no "grey" area. It was black or white. Period. He was to the point, direct, fun, smart, compassionate, curious, helpful, comical...there aren't too many adjectives that don't describe him, and I could go on forever. If you didn't know him well, you knew all of this too. He "saw" beyond what we see with our eyes. He stood up for what was truth. He was never afraid to voice his opinion when someone or something was wrong. I am devastated without him, and forever honored to be called Mrs. Dean Spratt. Our two girls are getting to know him better through you, his friends, through your kind words and recollections of his works. Thank you for being there for Dean and our family. He was truly an inspiration to us, as are all of you, his friends. God Bless you all. The world is not that big of a place.

~

Carolyn Spratt,

*Minneapolis, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Carolyn Spratt** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ To the family,As one who has worked in broadcasting most of my life, I have met many and honestly revered Dean as one of the most "real" people I have ever met. At WCCO, Dean was one of the first to greet me when I arrived and I will always remember his genuine concern when I left. I know many got to "know" Dean from his traffic reports and love of Nascar, music and other interests but the Dean Spratt I will always remember was one who cared a heck of lot more about the people he worked with then the company he worked for.

~

*Mike Woodley,*

*Excelsior, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

**Mike Woodley** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ I am deeply touched by this outpouring of love. Although I did not have the honor of knowing this man, it is obvious that he has touched many lives and leaves an immeasurable legacy. My very best wishes to Dean's wife, children, brothers and sisters, cousins and many many friends.

~

*Caroline Fritz,*

*Denver, Colorado*

*Contact Me*

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**Caroline Fritz** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Carolyn, kids, & friends - sorry to hear the news about Dean. I played guitar with Dean in one of the Fritz bands. The Jack of Clubs House Band in the mid 70's. What a great musician and brother! Dean was a soul man on keys and vocal - an inspiration, I loved his honesty, you always got the real deal with Dean.

~

*Scott Wenner,*

*Saint Cloud, Minnesota*

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**Scott Wenner** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ I lived down the block from Mr and Mrs. Spratt. I always felt safe knowing they were right down the block from me. I am sorry for your loss. I will keep your family in my prayers.

~

*Terri Enroth/Sumner,*

*Apple Valley, Minnesota*

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**Terri Enroth/Sumner** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ I never met Dean but listening to his reports on WCCO was a fixture. I really missed him when he left there. I found him again on KLBB. radio but didn't know what happened after that. I was shocked when I heard the news headline on Sunday morning that a veteran traffic reporter had died. My thoughts and prayers are with friends and family. Dean will be deeply missed. God be with you, Dean.

~

*Barb O'Connor,*

*Minneapolis, Minnesota*

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**Barb O'Connor** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dear Carolyn and kids: May God hold you in his tenders arms in this time of sadness. Dean was one of those great blessings that comes around very seldom in life. I have many very fond memories growing up in our early years in Langdon, ND - later visiting in Minneapolis. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

~

*David Borho,*

*Pratt, Kansas*

*Contact Me*

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*Tom Fritz,*

*Sauk Rapids*

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LH

“ I am humbled and awed when I read the entries about Dean. I never had the pleasure to meet Dean, nor hear him on the radio station, however, I can sense from all of these entries how much he has touched others' lives. I have the distinct privilege of knowing Dean's sister, Cheryl. From reading all of the information about Dean, I know that he was an amazing person, just like his sister. All of our love, thoughts, and prayers are with Dean's mother, wife, children, family, and friends during this very difficult time. Kirk and Laurie Harris  
Denver, CO

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Laurie Harris,

Denver, Colorado

*Contact Me*

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**Laurie Harris** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ I met Dean only a couple of times, but we had a shared history of starting out at KVSC at St. Cloud State and hit it off pretty well. He will be missed a great deal by me and everyone in the radio business. He was an excellent role model with his energy and perseverance and very high standards. Andy Marlow  
Station Manager  
Radio K, University of Minnesota

~

*Andy Marlow,*

*Hopkins, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Andy Marlow** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Dean used to call often for a cab from where I worked. I would look forward to his call cause he always cheered me up - his sense of humor always made my day-Goodbye pal -

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“ I first met Dean in 1978 at WWJO in St. Cloud, he inspired me. Dean lived his life inspiring others as we watched him make the most of his abilities. A truly special person. His work is complete here. The spirit that was Dean has returned home. Dean, well done.

~

*Ron Beckmann,*

*Maple Grove, Minnesota*

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BF

“ *My deepest sympathy to Dean's family and many ,many friends. I first met Dean back in 1970 when we both were on CB. We shared many good hours of fun and laughs on the radio.Godspeed my friend. de N0XCT*

~

*Bob Fauble,*

*Lino Lakes, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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MK

“ Dear Carolyn and kids, May God Bless you at this time of sadness. Dean was a great guy and he will be missed by so many. You will be in our prayers and thoughts. Let us know if we can do anything for you. Love, Mark, Karen, Tim and Ben Kemp

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**Hannah Hosanna** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ I am humbled and awed when I read the entries about Dean. I never had the pleasure to meet Dean, nor hear him on the radio station, however, I can sense from all of these entries how much he has touched others' lives. I have the distinct privilege of knowing Dean's sister, Cheryl. From reading all of the information about Dean, I know that he was an amazing person, just like his sister. All of our love, thoughts, and prayers are with Dean's mother, wife, children, family, and friends during this very difficult time. Kirk and Laurie Harris  
Denver, CO

~

Laurie Harris,

Denver, Colorado

*Contact Me*

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**Laurie Harris** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ Hunter Nissan, Lincoln-Mercury in Hendersonville, NC extends the deepest of sorrow for your loss of Dean. Our prayers are with him through Mandie. Good Bless, Gary

~

*Gary Alfreds,*

*Hendersonville, North Carolina*

*Contact Me*

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**Gary Alfreds** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ To some he was Dean, to others Deano and also know as Spratt, on 'cco, But to me, he was dad, father, someone to look up to. He has influenced my life, just as much as everyone elses. He was the kind of person who you would meet, and ten seconds later, be talking like you new each other for years. He has been a wonderful dad, and I am so greatful for the 12 years I got to spend with him. May he rest in peace, in the hands of God.

~

*Lisa Spratt,*

*Minneapolis, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Lisa Spratt** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Hey Deano, I have often felt that perhaps the greatest challenge we face is the legacy we leave behind. A legacy filled with love, honor, respect and inspiration. Without a doubt you have done well my friend. You will be greatly missed. All our love to you and your family. Jerry, Meg, Zach, and Sarah.

~

*Jerry Peterson,*

*Big Lake*

*Contact Me*

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**Jerry Peterson** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Dean via my husband Dave Daniel. Even though I did not know him as well as Dave and others, Dean was an awesome person and musician. When I first met Dean, he seemed like a real easy going guy, had a good sense of humor and just made you feel comfortable from the get go. It's been quite a few years since I heard him sing/play, some of my favorites were hearing Dean play/sing any Eagles tune. I love to hear Dave tell me stories about his playing days with Dean! It touches me to know that he left such a notable impression and everlasting memories with Dave. My condolences to the Spratt family, Dean will always be in your hearts and may you find comfort in knowing that he will be forever remembered by many.

~

*Mona Daniel,*

*St. Joseph, Minnesota*

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**Mona Daniel** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ My deepest sympathy to the entire Spratt family. I know how close the entire Spratt family was and how it will be affected by this, I have know the Spratt Family from the Neighborhood and my brothers that have went to school with him and his sisters in the late 60's and early 70's and I went to school with his younger brothers and sisters. One thing that I'll always remember is the ear he had when Kelly (brother) was trying to set up his car stereo in the family garage.... You couldn't ever get anyone better to do this and the insight he always had. May God comfort the Spratt family during these hard times.

~

*Jim Fink,*

*E.Bethel, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Jim Fink** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Carolyn & family; I am so sorry about Dean's passing and hope that if you ever need anything -we will be there for you. I enjoyed our time in your backyard talking and drinking beer and getting to know you all. It was an honor to know Dean and I will miss not knowing him better, as I know he was a wonderful husband, father and friend. My best to you during these next couple of days and the days to come, but remember he will always be in your heart and with you always. Love your friend, Deb, Dave and Julia Daniels

~

*Deb Daniels,*

*Mpls, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

**Deb Daniels** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ To the family,As one who has worked in broadcasting most of my life, I have met many and honestly revered Dean as one of the most "real" people I have ever met. At WCCO, Dean was one of the first to greet me when I arrived and I will always remember his genuine concern when I left. I know many got to "know" Dean from his traffic reports and love of Nascar, music and other interests but the Dean Spratt I will always remember was one who cared a heck of lot more about the people he worked with then the company he worked for.

~

*Mike Woodley,*

*Excelsior, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

**Mike Woodley** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ I'LL NEVER FORGET THE TIME I MET DEAN. I WAS ON A FIRE CREW THAT RESPONDED TO HIS BUILDING FOR A FIRE ALARM, UPON ARRIVING HE WAS OUTSIDE WAITING FOR US READY TO TAKE US TO THE ALARM BOX FOR THE RESET AND HELP OUT, WE KNEW WHO HE WAS BY THE VOICE RIGHT AWAY. WE HAD MOVED DOWN FROM THE DOOR A FEW FEET SO WHEN HE WHIRLED TO HEAD INTO THE BUILDING HE RACED RIGHT INTO THE BUSHES NEXT TO THE DOOR, THERE HE WAS THRASHING AROUND, A FIREMAN WAS HEARD TO SAY, "AH DEANO? I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU KNEW WHERE THE ALARM BOX WAS...I DON'T THINK IT'S IN THERE!?" SO WE HAD A GOOD LAUGH, WE FOUND THE ALARM BOX AND AFTER HE SHOWED US ALL THE RADIOS AND STUFF HE HAD FOR HIS REPORTS, GREAT GUY, SAD LOSS FOR ALL, KEVIN MCKINSTRY MPLS FIRE RETIRED

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KEVIN MCKINSTRY,

BUFFALO, Minnesota

*Contact Me*

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**KEVIN MCKINSTRY** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ *I never met Dean but listening to his reports on WCCO was a fixture. I really missed him when he left there. I found him again on KLBB. radio but didn't know what happened after that. I was shocked when I heard the news headline on Sunday morning that a veteran traffic reporter had died. My thoughts and prayers are with friends and family. Dean will be deeply missed. God be with you, Dean.*

~

*Barb O'Connor,*

*Minneapolis, Minnesota*

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**Barb O'Connor** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ *I lived down the block from Mr and Mrs. Spratt. I always felt safe knowing they were right down the block from me. I am sorry for your loss. I will keep your family in my prayers.*

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*Terri Enroth/Sumner,*

*Apple Valley, Minnesota*

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**Terri Enroth/Sumner** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Carolyn, kids, & friends - sorry to hear the news about Dean. I played guitar with Dean in one of the Fritz bands. The Jack of Clubs House Band in the mid 70's. What a great musician and brother! Dean was a soul man on keys and vocal - an inspiration, I loved his honesty, you always got the real deal with Dean.

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*Scott Wenner,*

*Saint Cloud, Minnesota*

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**Scott Wenner** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ I met Dean only a couple of times, but we had a shared history of starting out at KVSC at St. Cloud State and hit it off pretty well. He will be missed a great deal by me and everyone in the radio business. He was an excellent role model with his energy and perseverance and very high standards. Andy Marlow  
Station Manager  
Radio K, University of Minnesota

~

*Andy Marlow,*

*Hopkins, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Andy Marlow** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *I am deeply touched by this outpouring of love. Although I did not have the honor of knowing this man, it is obvious that he has touched many lives and leaves an immeasurable legacy. My very best wishes to Dean's wife, children, brothers and sisters, cousins and many many friends.*

~

*Caroline Fritz,*

*Denver, Colorado*

*Contact Me*

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**Caroline Fritz** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ I first met Dean in 1978 at WWJO in St. Cloud, he inspired me. Dean lived his life inspiring others as we watched him make the most of his abilities. A truly special person. His work is complete here. The spirit that was Dean has returned home. Dean, well done.

~

*Ron Beckmann,*

*Maple Grove, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Ron Beckmann** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Dean used to call often for a cab from where I worked. I would look forward to his call cause he always cheered me up - his sense of humor always made my day-Goodbye pal -*

~

*Lise Silk,*

*Bloomington, Minnesota*

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**Lise Silk** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ My deepest sympathy to Dean's family and many ,many friends. I first met Dean back in 1970 when we both were on CB. We shared many good hours of fun and laughs on the radio. Godspeed my friend. de N0XCT

~

*Bob Fauble,*

*Lino Lakes, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Bob Fauble** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CK

“*Deano was the best. His laugh will live on forever. I loved having him on the air with me. Now the scales have been removed from his eyes. Praise God.*

~

*Chuck knapp,*

*Minneapolis, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Chuck knapp** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM



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*Tom Fritz,*

*Sauk Rapids*

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**Tom Fritz** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dear Carolyn and kids: May God hold you in his tenders arms in this time of sadness. Dean was one of those great blessings that comes around very seldom in life. I have many very fond memories growing up in our early years in Langdon, ND - later visiting in Minneapolis. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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*David Borho,*

*Pratt, Kansas*

*Contact Me*

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David Borho - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Spratt family. Have comfort in knowing Dean will be forever in you hearts.

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*David & Lyn Lewis,*

*Asheville, North Carolina*

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**David & Lyn Lewis** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ I remember Dean from his days at WCCO. I missed hearing his voice upon his leaving; you could recognize his voice immediately!

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*Paul Christensen,*

*Clarkfield, Minnesota*

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**Paul Christensen** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Dear Carolyn and kids, May God Bless you at this time of sadness. Dean was a great guy and he will be missed by so many. You will be in our prayers and thoughts. Let us know if we can do anything for you. Love, Mark, Karen, Tim and Ben Kemp

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*Mark Karen Tim Ben Kemp,*

*Minneapolis, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Mark Karen Tim Ben Kemp** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I was hurt beyond life that we didn't get 30 more years together, but now I feel so blessed to have gotten the 16 we did; blessed with 4 wonderful boys and 2 equally wonderful girls, all of whom love him dearly. 16 exciting years of marriage (never a dull moment, jam-packed with technology, and many, many fond memories), and friends like all of you. Dean knows and loves all of you, and it warms my heart beyond belief to see his many friends write here. I hope you know how much he cared for all of you. If you knew him well, you knew with Dean there was no "grey" area. It was black or white. Period. He was to the point, direct, fun, smart, compassionate, curious, helpful, comical...there aren't too many adjectives that don't describe him, and I could go on forever. If you didn't know him well, you knew all of this too. He "saw" beyond what we see with our eyes. He stood up for what was truth. He was never afraid to voice his opinion when someone or something was wrong. I am devastated without him, and forever honored to be called Mrs. Dean Spratt. Our two girls are getting to know him better through you, his friends, through your kind words and recollections of his works. Thank you for being there for Dean and our family. He was truly an inspiration to us, as are all of you, his friends. God Bless you all. The world is not that big of a place.

~

Carolyn Spratt,

*Minneapolis, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Carolyn Spratt** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ I've always enjoyed Dean's shows on cband satellite radio, & will truly miss him & his sense of humor. My condolences to Dean's family.

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*Kevin,*

*Rochester, Minnesota*

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**Kevin** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Was very sorry to hear about Deanhe will be missed especially by the W0kie family and satellite audio listeners. My sincere condolences go out to his family.

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*Ringo Dee Star,*

*Corlandt Manor, New York*

*Contact Me*

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**Ringo Dee Star** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ a great broadcaster, too. even when i was snowed in, i'd listen to his traffic reports. he was a darn good listen. whatever he did, he did with class and grace and passion. 73s, dean. and QRT, for now

~

*jim wishner,*

*st paul, Minnesota*

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**jim wishner** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ I remember hearing Dean play in a band when I was a 10th grader at South High (in the same class as his younger sis Cheryl) & was impressed by his musical talent--years later, I enjoyed his traffic reports on 'CCO--He was always a very quality person & my heartfelt thoughts & prayers are with his family.

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*Linnea Johnson Hoff,*

*Minneapolis*

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**Linnea Johnson Hoff** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ My condolences to Carolyn and everyone else in Dean’s family. Dean and I met in 1972 when I arrived in St. Cloud to pursue a degree in Print Journalism. Once on campus I discovered there was a college Radio Station, and when I went there to check it out dean was one of the first people to welcome me. I was born legally blind, and like Dean, I had a childhood dream to be a Radio Broadcaster. My hopes of realizing this dream had been dealt a serious setback when I was denied acceptance to Brown Institute, the then most respected school for those aspiring to a career in Radio. Meeting Dean restored my belief in my potential to be a Radio broadcaster. Here was a Blind Person who wasn’t just learning to be a Broadcast Professional, but rather someone who was already there and had not yet been discovered by a Commercial Radio Station that would be enriched by having him on their team. Dean became a teacher, a colleague and a very good friend. We celebrated each others successes in Radio, and in life, and supported one and other during times of setback. Whether it was his commitment to his family, enthusiasm for being on the cutting edge of technology, his passion for NASCAR, his love of performing (or just listening to) music, his insatiable appetite for engaging conversation or his brilliance with all things Radio Dean was a very special person, and those of us who knew and were fortunate enough to have been his friends were blessed with that relationship. While we haven’t talked as much over the past several years as we used to, I feel an emptiness knowing I can’t just pick up the phone and call for one of those always engaging chats that often left me feeling better at the end than when the talk began. Peace my friend, and ease into your next life knowing that you left a lot of us better off for having known you in this one. Till we meet again.

~

*Tom Lijewski,*

*Minneapolis, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Tom Lijewski** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I went to high school with Dean and i can close my eyes and picture him running thru the halls and up and down stairs. Dean had a great sense of humor and was the instigator of many practical jokes as well as the victim. This trait provided for many humorous memories after high school as one of many friends amongst cb'ers. Although we lost track of each other over the years I have spent numerous times regaling others about the hundreds of times that Dean kept all of us laughing so hard that our sides would hurt. Deepest sympathies to the Spratt family Dean may be gone physically but he will continue to live in my memories.

~

*Jerry "Crapgame" Grengs,*

*Anoka, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Jerry "Crapgame" Grengs** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ To Carolyn, children and Spratt Families, I am a younger cousin of Dean's on his dad's side. Uncle Ray - God bless his soul. Growing up we only made it to Mpls. twice that I know of and not much more than that since. Your family came here more often, but had so many relatives to see that we were lucky to spend a few hours getting to know you. Reading through the guest book I can see that we have truly missed out! It tells us that Dean had many friends, was an inspiration to others and had a voice that the people of Mpls. new and were proud of. Our deepest sympathy to you on your loss. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad, sad time.

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*Dean & Kim (Hall) Laturnus,*

*Munich, North Dakota*

*Contact Me*

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**Dean & Kim (Hall) Laturus** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *I played with Dean in a band since 1991. We spent many hours before, during and after the gigs discussing everything from Nascar to politics, and of course telling jokes. Dean had a wonderful sense of humor. He was a true professional, always on time and ready to go, always giving 110%. God's band got a whole lot better last Saturday. He gave 110% to his family too. Nothing made him more proud than talking about Carolyn and the kids. He was a very caring person who will be deeply missed by all of us.*

~

*Dale Schultz,*

*Savage, Minnesota*

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**Dale Schultz** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ This young wannabe musician first met Dean through amature radio back in the 70's in St. Cloud. I'd go over to his house and he'd knock my socks off with his piano playing and singing. I was just a teenager but soaked up every minute watching him play. It was always a treat to hear him on the radio giving the traffic updates. Good memories of a good guy.

~

*Dennis Warner,*

*Clearwater, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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Dennis Warner - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM



AS

“ My deepest sympathy to the Spratt Family. I worked with Dean for several years. Not directly but in another division of company. I also worked with him at WCCO. Dean was a magnificent person. He could not see-but he saw more than all of us. I would seek Dean out to discuss all topics under the Sun. Each and every time we spoke, I felt I came away better informed and touched by a friend. To his Son in the Army (don't know your name), your Dad told me a story that he was most proud of. It was about your service in Iraq (and thank you for that)and the time you blew up a latrine! FABULOUS! Never met you but admire you. Dean Spratt was one of a kind, brilliant, a friend and always always willing to help. I will miss you Dean. I will not ever forget you.

~

Andy Stavast,

Eden Prairie

*Contact Me*

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**Andy Stavast** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ All my condolences go out to Dean's family. I remember sitting in with Fritz, Fritz, Firtz & Spratt at the Commodore Club in Sartell, MN. What a great guy he was. He will be remembered.

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*Bob Cap,*

*Gilbert, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Bob Cap** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Dearest Carolyn,Elizabeth&Lisa-Wow what a wonderful husband ,dad and friend Dean is . Everytime i think of Dean I SMILE,what a funny man he is.I sure miss hearing his voice. When I would call for Carolyn,Dean and I would end up talking about anything and everything and at the end of the conversation I would be laughing.Thank You Carolyn for sharing your WONDERFUL husband with the world.All our thoughts and Prayers.

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*Mimi Randazza-Riley,*

*mpls., Minnesota*

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**Mimi Randazza-Riley** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ may i extend sincere condolences to dean's family and hope that your memories will help ease your sadness.i'm sorry i'm unable to join in the celebration of his life in person but i shall be there in spirit.we were first (fast) friends at kvsc-fm - it was a humble start of many broadcast careers and a life of adventures.dean offered to fix my console TV (with tubes!) in st.cloud and i offered to pay him with chocolate. i always told him the green m&m's tasted best! he pretended to believe me.his favorite movie was "fantasia".many of our friday night softball games were better because dean was the umpire. we agreed to abide by his calls.i can still cringe at the thought of a door closing on his fingers (!) at a party. i thought for sure there might be permanent damage. he quickly forgave my clumsiness and toasted with another beer.at the time i was horrified to think kevin let dean drive the vw beetle in an empty parking lot! and it didn't take me too long to think it's great he got to experience so much of life - his way. it was always lively and interesting to be around dean. everything seemed possible. it's a privilege to know his gifts. and now maybe a star with a new glow. time is sometimes the greatest distance - ben was about 5 the last time i saw dean, we talked a few times after that and then his life grew richer again with his new family; carolyn and the kids.dean, i always wanted to be a backup singer in a band, maybe you'll save a spot for me in your heavenly act. you know i can't sing but maybe i can sway in the background. blessings to dean's family and friends around the world. most fondly,

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*peggy keane,*

*minneapolis, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**peggy keane** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Twin Cities radio has lost a legend and a true broadcast pioneer. Dean's amazing ability to accurately and vividly describe highly detailed traffic information gleaned from a bank of scanners just moments before -- set the standard for all those who followed. The fact that most listeners, especially early in his career, had no idea he was blind speaks for itself. As a former colleague of Dean's, I had the privilege of watching him work up close. He was uncompromising when it came to the quality and content of his reports and expected the same degree of professionalism from others. His technical skill, knowledge and enthusiasm for all things radio elevated the performance of everyone around him. From NASA to NASCAR and beyond, Dean's expertise was nothing short of amazing. His unique blend of talent, personality and loyalty to friends truly made him one of a kind. Dean's passing leaves a void in the radio community that will not soon be filled. My deepest sympathy to Carolyn, his children and extended family.

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*Bill Meers,*

*Minneapolis, Minnesota*

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**Bill Meers** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ I remember Dean from his days at WCCO. I missed hearing his voice upon his leaving; you could recognize his voice immediately!

~

*Paul Christensen,*

*Clarkfield, Minnesota*

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**Paul Christensen** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ From all your radio friends in Richfield, rest in peace BUD BUD BUD! Heartfelt condolences to the family and thousands of friends. I'll never forget seeing Deano sing the National Anthem at the Twins ball game....or letting him drive my truck for a short spin. A genuine human being who will surely be missed.

~

*Mark Roehlke,*

*Richfield, Minnesota*

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**Mark Roehlke** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ I had a great time with Dean back in the 80's and 90's, fishing, having lunch together, and all of the stories with the State Patrol, I will miss him dearly.

~

*Bruce Ness,*

*Otsego, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Bruce Ness** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *The W0KIE Satellite Radio Network will very sadly miss Dean's friendly voice beaming to satellite dish owners every Thursday night from windy outer space. When ever I met people from Minneapolis I asked them if they knew Dean Spratt. Nearly all of them said that they remembered Dean on WCCO. I suspect that millions of radio listeners, over the years, greatly benefited from Dean's clear vision of what was going on the metro area and beyond. Attached to this entry is a photograph of Dean*

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*Michael Reynolds,*

*Tulsa, Oklahoma*

*Contact Me*

**Michael Reynolds** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *I met Dean on ventrillo when i first talked to him and every time after it always felt like I was talking to an old friend. I will miss him.*

~

*Stephen Sternthal,*

*Pennsylvania*

*Contact Me*

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**Stephen Sternthal** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ My deepest condolences to Dean's family. I was fortunate to have been introduced to Dean in the 1980's when he worked at WCCO radio and I was at WCCO TV. His deep love for broadcasting was evident then, and it remained exactly the same 20 years later as he did his satellite program. He was the consummate professional. You are in my prayers.

~

*Bob Roeder,*

*Black Canyon City, Arizona*

*Contact Me*

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**Bob Roeder** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MD

“Dean's first commercial radio job was at WWJO in St. Cloud. There wasn't a thing around the radio station that he couldn't do. I'm fortunate that our paths crossed. He was one of a kind. He will be missed.

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*Mike Diem,*

*Pawleys Island, South Carolina*

*Contact Me*

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**Mike Diem** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Our thought's and prayers go out to the family that Dean leaves behind. Dean was a breath of fresh air and was a vibrant part of our Thursday nights on w0kie satelite radio.He will be missed by many.And in our hearts he will remain "Forever Young"We will miss you very much

~

*Janet AKA (Evileen) Ross,*

*Sharon, Pennsylvania*

*Contact Me*

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**Janet AKA (Evileen) Ross** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *I love you and miss you more than anyone could ever imagine  
Papa.*

~

*Elizabeth Spratt,*

*Minneapolis, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Elizabeth Spratt** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ I met Dean over 10 years ago. Though we never played music together on stage, it was my honor, privilege, and pleasure to jam with him. Dean was a great keyboardist, singer, front man, and all around fantastic human being. He is loved and remembered fondly. To his family go my heartfelt condolences and love. Dean is now singing and playing with the greats where he belongs.

~

*Dave Gerhardt,*

*San Antonio, Texas*

*Contact Me*

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**Dave Gerhardt** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JF

“Fritz, Fritz, Fritz & Spratt”How fun was that? Rest in peace Dean.

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*John and Mary Fritz,*

*Lindstrom, Minnesota*

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**John and Mary Fritz** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ I met Dean over 10 years ago. I was honored to be able to jam with him as we were both keyboard players. Dean was a great friend, a great musician, and singer. My condolences to his family and all his many friends. Dean is singing with the best of them now.

~

*David Gerhardt,*

*San Antonio, Texas*

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**David Gerhardt** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ I have had the pleasure of working with Dean since 2000, and I have never meant a more professional broadcaster, and one who had more fun with his talent than anyone else I can remember. He touched a lot of people in a most positive way, and his laugh will always be a part of my memories of him. The worlds of Minneapolis/St Paul Music, Broadcasting, and satellite audio will all be dimmer for his passing, but he watches us from the heavens and will always be nudging our boards to get the levels "just right". Dean, buddy, we'll miss you but we'll never forget you.

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*Brad Clark,*

*Denver, Colorado*

Contact Me

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**Brad Clark** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NI

“ I remember the first time I talked with Dean, he was a great person to talk with and I loved listening to what he had to say. I will miss him and my condolences to his family and friends. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

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*Nicole,*

*Plymouth, Minnesota*

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**Nicole** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TL

“Dean was my inspiration and shaped my life. We met when we were teenagers and were friends throughout our lives. Dean could do anything he set his mind to. I’ve never known a stronger, more intelligent, or energetic person. He took pride in being an expert in his chosen interests and people sought his advice. Everyone liked Dean. He had more stories and jokes and could tell them better than anyone. He was fearless and wouldn’t back down from what he believed was right. He was a great musician with perfect pitch. And later in our lives we finally were able to be in a band together like we always talked about. What fun we had. Though we drifted apart these last few years, Dean will always be in my thoughts. Knowing him has helped guide me through my daily life.

~

*Tom LeRoy,*

*Coon Rapids, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Tom LeRoy** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ I met Dean through the CB radio also in the early 70's. We all had a lot of fun together. He had a wild streak and could get things rolling pretty good. It was good to know him and fun to hear him on the radio after those years. My condolences to the Spratt family. We'll miss you Dean!

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*Ruth (Buzz) Bona,*

*Brooklyn Center, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Ruth (Buzz) Bona** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Carolyn and Family, My condolences on Dean's passing. I first met Dean while working at WCCO-Radio in the early 1990s, and we enjoyed a great friendship ever since, fueled (no pun intended) by our mutual love of NASCAR. One of my favorite memories of Dean was when he and I went to interview Dale Earnhardt, who was in town for a GM event. Dale's respect for Dean's racing knowledge was clearly evident, though he did find it hard to believe when Dean said he was a traffic reporter. The photo of the three of us is still one of my favorites. Deano will certainly be missed by many.

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*Rob Hahn,*

*St. Paul, Minnesota*

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**Rob Hahn** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MK

“Dean and I met about 15 years ago, as listeners and participants on a national satellite radio talk show. When I found out that we were located about 5 miles from each other, I drove to his house and tuned up his satellite dish. We became fast friends, culminating in a weekly national talk show where we shared information about satellite technology and just about anything that was worth discussing. Dean had the ability to make intelligent conversation on just about any subject, and was a joy to work with. It would be difficult to estimate how many thousands of people around the world looked forward to his satellite and Internet-delivered radio programming, other than to say that he touched the lives of many people. His quick wit and caring attitude will be greatly missed. Our prayers are with Carolyn and the family.

~

*Mike and Laurel Kohl,*

*Plain, Wisconsin*

*Contact Me*

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**Mike and Laurel Kohl** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *GODS SPEED TO ALL THE FAMILY FROM THE RAINWATER FAMILY IN N.C.*

~

*BOB RAINWATER,*

*ASHEVILLE, North Carolina*

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**BOB RAINWATER** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *My thoughts and best wishes are with Deans family at this sad time. He was a good guy. A real good guy. I will miss listening to him on Thursday nights. Well done, Dean. Well done.*

~

*Jerry Robbins,*

*Boston, Massachusetts*

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**Jerry Robbins** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *Carolyn and Family....we were saddened when our daughter, Pam Lundell, called to tell us of Dean's passing. We felt like we knew him personally from the stories John shared with us, and it was obvious when Dean spoke at John's funeral of the love and admiration they had for each other. Dean will be remembered with gentle smiles, good stories and happy feelings in the hearts of those who loved him. May it comfort you to remember that our Lord is our hope in the beginning of each day, and He is our peace at the end of the day. Our deepest sympathy,*

~

*Jackie and Bob Neese,*

*Aitkin, Minnesota*

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**Jackie and Bob Neese** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ *Trust. Absolute, unmitigated, unflinching trust. Dean and I were college buddies. We "found each other" at KVSC-FM in St. Cloud, MN in the early 70s. Both rebellious, naive, hungry to learn, and mischievous, we were sympatico. But from the beginning, trust ruled everything we did together. He trusted me absolutely and that special and enormous responsibility helped me grow to be the person I am today. For that short time, I became his second set of eyes...and what a huge responsibility that was. I trusted him, to be honest and direct - to tell it like it was. He did. Always. From late nights in one of our apartments, sharing stories of the day and listening to and discovering great music, to summer day trips to the quarries for some beer and swimming, to working together in the studio, he was always there for me. The mic is live, Buddy. It's your show.*

~

*Kevin Leja,*

*Bellingham, Washington*

*Contact Me*

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**Kevin Leja** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Over 20+ years ago I met Dean. We shared a common ground with our background in broadcasting as well as amateur radio. Unfortunately our more recent correspondances were by telephone rather than the usual handshake. It's nice to know Dean had many friends and I wish Carol and the family my deepest regards in losing Dean. We will all miss him.

~

*Randy Wendel,*

*Bloomington, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Randy Wendel** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ I met Dean in college and lived just around the corner from him on the floor. He always amazed me with his abilities. My wife Ted and I have many fond memories and had some wonderful adventures with him. He will be missed by many.

~

*Guy Schafer,*

*St. Cloud, Minnesota*

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**Guy Schafer** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ I've only known Dean since he joined the WOKIE Radio Network, in the mid '90s. And i didn't really get to know him well untill the last few years. In that time, i've come to know him as as one of the topmost notch people around. I missed out on a lot of stuff; but the time in which i've had the opportunity to interact with him, i have enjoyed immensely--right down to little things, like experimenting with new and interesting ways to hand off from our show to his, every thursday--which he always handled beautifully, no matter what disastrous curves i occasionally threw at him, with little or no warning. I'll miss that, and everything else. You totally rocked, Dean! We miss you. You said it best in some of your last week's words: "This sucks!"

~

*Brian Patrie,*

*Fort Payne, Alabama*

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**Brian Patrie** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ I've known Dean from the w0kie network. He will be missed. May your soul rest in the hands of the Lord, Dean.

~

*Rob L,*

*Navarre, Florida*

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**Rob L** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ We discovered C-band radio in 1993 and there he was. Dean has been in our home every week for 13 years now. We guessed Dean was around our age from the music he played. We always appreciated the "family radio" aspect of his programming; our daughter could enjoy the show with us. To Dean's family, you are in our thoughts and prayers. We are sorry for your loss. Dean had so many friends, as he was a kind and amazing person. Dean will be missed.

~

*Clay, kg4owz and Barbara, ki4exs Patric,*

*fort payne, Alabama*

[Contact Me](#)

**Clay, kg4owz and Barbara, ki4exs Patrie** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ My sincere condolences go out to Dean's family. He was a good friend and great show host on the w0kie network. When talking to him he always made us laugh as he looked on the bright side of things. Dean you will be sorely missed, we love you, God speed.

~

*Renee Runkle,*

*Fort Payne, Alabama*

*Contact Me*

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**Renee Runkle** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Carolyn and family, we are so sorry to hear of Dean's passing. I will always remember how much fun we had at the back corner table during the Fall Festival Captian's dinner. We couldn't hear much up front, but Dean kept us all entertained! I will miss his music compilations he so generously put together for all of our Spring Extravaganza events. Your family is in our prayers. Tim, Ellen and Josie

~

*Ellen Schmitz,*

*Minneapolis*

*Contact Me*

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**Ellen Schmitz** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ I remember Dean from all of his calls to the Friday Night Live when I was the producer for Gary Bourgeois. I met him when he made his way to Marquette one time. "Whata great guy", was my impression. He always had something interesting to contribute and was a lot of fun. I am going to miss having him in this world. My sincere condolences to his loving family.

~

*Capt Herm,*

*Marquette, Michigan*

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**Capt Herm** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Ah, Deano, my heart just aches. I've never known anyone so honest, so completely genuine, or as the term goes now, "authentic". You knew where you stood with Dean! ;) An incredibly inspiring man who I am humbled by. Nothing ever seemed to stop Dean! I'm so blessed to have worked with Dean and honed my traffic skills from the best! My thoughts and prayers are with his wonderfully loving family.

~

*Teri Knight,*

*Lakeville*

*Contact Me*

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**Teri Knight** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ *I wish I could have meet you in life Dean, But I feel like because of your warm heart I did.....I will miss you. best 73*

~

*Charles Lowrance,*

*Norfolk, Virginia*

*Contact Me*

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**Charles Lowrance** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ *My condolences to the family and friends of Dean Spratt. I enjoyed listening to his show.*

~

*Mason Vye,*

*Sarnia, Ontario*

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**Mason Vye** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

S(

“ Thank you Dean for everything you have done to spread the love of Satellite. I have enjoyed listening and learning from you over the years. I am willing to bet that where you are now you have a perfect look at the arc. You will be missed. God Bless.

~

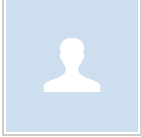
*Scott Greczkowski (SatelliteGuys.US),*

*Newington, Connecticut*

*Contact Me*

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**Scott Greczkowski (SatelliteGuys.US) - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM**



“ *Dean Spratt*

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January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *Dear Spratt Family, I feel it is my honor to have met Dean and to have met you all. I have been amazed at the love this family has for one another. I will be here always for not only Ben, but all of you.*

~

*Mandie Rainwater,*

*Asheville, North Carolina*

*Contact Me*

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**Mandie Rainwater** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Condolences to the family and all of the listener community. Dean will be missed by all of us.*

~

*Rick M,*

*Naperville, Illinois*

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**Rick M** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ To all of Dean's family...We were roommates at St. Cloud and I cannot recall a better time in my life. Getting to know and live with Dean enriched my whole world, and that of others as well, beyond measure or words. We kept in loose contact after that, and our circles intertwined in some very interesting ways. The world seems a little duller now, with his passing. He was the best, and that's for sure.

~

*Dave Sarazin,*

*Cloquet, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Dave Sarazin** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

VD

“ I knew Dean when he lived in St. Cloud. Sometimes I would pick him up from his job at WJON and take him to a gig somewhere. A man of music, adventure and fun. How he talked me into letting him drive home one night still amazes me. But that was almost 30 years ago – so maybe that explains some of it. Thinking of those times makes me smile. Realizing he’s gone makes me sad. My heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends.

~

*Vicki Davis,*

*St. Cloud, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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Vicki Davis - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Deano never failed to amaze me. And his voice was "The Coolest" radio voice ever. I was fortunate to know him and work with him here at WCCO. He will be missed by all!!! Dan Geiger, Producer WCCO AM 830 RadioMpls

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Dan Geiger,

Fridley, Minnesota

[Contact Me](#)

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Dan Geiger - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ You are so right Mike. We at CNI Radio, will also "sady miss Dean's friendly voice beaming to satellite dish owners every Thursday night from windy outer space."A great loss to the satellite, terrestrial and Internet radio broadcasting worlds.Our heartfelt condolences to Dean's family. We will sorely miss our Skyscanner.

~

*Bambi aka Fran Parker,*

*Dendron, Virginia*

*Contact Me*

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**Bambi aka Fran Parker** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ I couldn't believe it when I heard the news. Carolyn, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I knew Dean from working at 'CCO before I even met John and know those two were best of friends for years. My heart aches for what you are going through and we'll miss his hilarious wit and gift for electronics. He also had a gift of making it seem like he just talked to you even if it had been a while. You know Heaven has the best traffic reporting team in its midst. Love and Blessings,

~

*Pamela Lundell,*

*Minnetonka, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

**Pamela Lundell** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *Dean was my boardman at St Cloud State-KVSC in the early 70's. What a terrific guy and also a fun guy. He was great at telling jokes as I was reporting on the air---I learned alot from him. He was a real asset to broadcasting profession. He will be missed.*

~

*Peg (Olson) Mead,*

*Sauk Centre,, Minnesota*

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**Peg (Olson) Mead** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ND

“ Dean Spratt (N0HSR) a silent key Last Saturday night, Dean went to bed early, complaining of a headache. On Sunday morning, he was rushed to the hospital and diagnosed with a massive stroke in blocking 95% of the main artery to the brain stem. Over the last week, we believed Dean was going to recover. He was hearing and understanding people, recognizing his friends and family, and speaking, although his speech was labored. I'd planned to visit Dean in the hospital some time this week. On Friday night, Dean took a turn for the worse and was placed on a respirator. He lost consciousness and the family met to decide how aggressive the treatment should be. On Saturday afternoon at about 2:30 PM, the family had the respirator removed. Dean died peacefully about half an hour later. For many years, Dean was recognizable as the voice of traffic on WCCO radio, heard throughout the Midwest on the clear channel frequency of 830 KHz. In the late 1990's, Dean moved to Metro Networks as a news writer and announcer. He also became quite skilled at using Jaws to perform computing tasks both on, and off, the job. I'm not sure when Dean received his first amateur radio license, but I believe he's been a ham for over 30 years. He also spent a great deal of time producing programming for the W0KIE satellite radio network. Dean had an avid interest in old-time and new-time radio drama. In 2006, he had a chance to be in the Colonial Radio Theater On the Air production, Proudly River. dean and i go way back i helped him get on ham radio installed antennas email me at n0bve@yahoo.com

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*n0bve don,*

*minnetonka, Minnesota*

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**n0bve don** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ I've known Dean since 1992 and he will be missed. He touched so many people around the country and the world. I'm thankful I had the opportunity to know him. To Dean's family you are in our thoughts and prayers.

~

*Steve Wolf,*

*Nashville, Tennessee*

*Contact Me*

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**Steve Wolf** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *What a loss to everyone. Dean and I worked together at 'CCO Radio in the golden days. The best time was when we did the Hometown Social in Jackson, Minnesota. Boone and Erickson were the stars, but Dean held us all together. He will be missed.*

~

*Sue Frase Haven,*

*Backus, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Sue Frase Haven** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ To the Spratt family (I went to South High School with Cheryl Spratt): I was so sorry to read of Dean's passing. I heard him many times on the radio and was so impressed by his knowledge and quick wit. What he could not see physically, he could see in other ways. "Once I was blind, but now I can see. The Light of the World is Jesus". Dean has seen the Savior. My sincerest condolences to the family. Rev. Jean Halvorson

~

*Jean Halvorson,*

*columbia heights, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Jean Halvorson** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ I met Deano in 1981 on Citizen Band radio when I was speaking to my former wife on channel 7 coming home from roller skating. (How's that for a memory) He said the reason he broke in was because it was the only intelligent conversation he could find..ha. We became instant friends and started hanging out. He was working for WCCO radio as the traffic king. Dean and I spent many hours sharing and riding around in the car talking all over the world on ham radio. he will be missed dearly!

~

*Steven Gibb,*

*San Diego, California*

*Contact Me*

**Steven Gibb** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Dean Spratt was a very good friend of my family and I have known him my entire life. He will be missed in my life and many others. He was my Dad's (JOhn Lundell) best friend in this world and I am proud to have known him you are in our prayer and thoughts and we are here for youJennie Lundell

~

*Jennie Lundell,*

*Plymouth, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Jennie Lundell** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Dean and I played in 3 different bands back in the mid 70's around the St. Cloud area. He was fun to be around and his prowess on the Hammond organ (and any other keyboard for that matter) was phenomenal. God Speed Deano.

~

*Dave Daniel,*

*St. Joseph, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Dave Daniel** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ I remember when Dean came on ventrilo, he was really funny, and a good person. He did really good liners from acb radio interactive

~

*Keao Wright,*

*Hawaii*

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**Keao Wright** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ I've known Dean since High School. He was one of the people who helped me get started in CB Radio, way back before it was popular. Dean and another friend Randy (Whirlwind) helped to put my antenna on my parents house, which was 3 stories high! His handle was Cyclone, mine was Athena. The CB group would gather at Minnehaha Falls, sit around and sing songs, Dean would play guitar. I have a lot of fond memories of those days. Words are hard to come by at a time like this. My prayers are with his family. Sincerely,

~

*Jennene Rick,*

*Lakeville, Minnesota*

[Contact Me](#)

**Jennene Rick** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Dean and I met in 1963. We use to talk for hours on the ham bands. We worked side by side in a photo shop for a time. We lost touch in 1992. I remember telling my good friend seemed to want to be the best in everything he set out to do. He told me a school teacher once told him, "you can't be as good as your class mates, you must be better". He lived up to those goles. He helped me through a rocky time in my life. He gave me some good advice. Knowing him helped me become who I am today. He was hot headed, seemed to know a little about everything. If you really knew him like I did, you know that was the real Dean. He was and is my great friend. I shall miss my friend for the remainder of my life.

~

*Randy Rusnak,*

*Duluth, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Randy Rusnak** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ Like Dean, I too, am totally Blind, and wrote to Dean in 1979 to ask him how I could make a career out of radio broadcasting. I later met him, and we became good friends during the time I lived in the Twin Cities from 1985 through 1998. Words I write here, can't express how sad I am at his passing. He was a real inspiration to me, and since I am in broadcasting today at WMTM radio here in Moultrie GA, I guess his friendly advice proved to be quite helpful. Dean: You'll be missed.

~

*Dennis Nelson,*

*Moultrie, Georgia*

*Contact Me*

**Dennis Nelson** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Few people can go through life with no enemies but Dean certainly was one of them. Everyone got along with him. My family and I will miss Dean very much. He was a staple in our home on Thursday nights with his great music, funny songs, and interest in teaching us something. I especially enjoyed the audio theater he presented and the banter between himself and the irc chatters in #w0kie. Thank you, Dean. We will never forget you. The Scace Family*

~

*Stephanie Scace,*

*Macomb, Illinois*

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**Stephanie Scace** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *It's so hard to believe Dean is no longer with us. Those of us at Metro Networks will continue to miss him. He was a truly good man with a wonderful sense of humor. Our prayers remain with the family.*

~

*Carol Williams,*

*Minneapolis/Saint Paul, Minnesota*

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**Carol Williams** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ I had a great time with Dean back in the 80's and 90's, fishing, having lunch together, and all of the stories with the State Patrol, I will miss him dearly.

~

*Bruce Ness,*

*Otsego, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Bruce Ness** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *The W0KIE Satellite Radio Network will very sadly miss Dean's friendly voice beaming to satellite dish owners every Thursday night from windy outer space. When ever I met people from Minneapolis I asked them if they knew Dean Spratt. Nearly all of them said that they remembered Dean on WCCO. I suspect that millions of radio listeners, over the years, greatly benefited from Dean's clear vision of what was going on the metro area and beyond. Attached to this entry is a photograph of Dean*

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*Michael Reynolds,*

*Tulsa, Oklahoma*

*Contact Me*

**Michael Reynolds** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I had the pleasure of working with Dean for 7 years at Metro Networks. I was impressed and amazed daily by the most positive, creative, knowledgeable, and caring person I have ever met. He enlightened me and everybody he came into contact with. I am extremely saddened by his sudden passing. He will truly be missed.

~

*Craig Stevens,*

*St Paul, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Craig Stevens** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ There are people you meet in life who teach you a lot about yourself. Dean will continue to be one of the most inspiring individuals I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. All my blessing with the Spratt family.

~

*Matthew McNeil,*

*Hopkins, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Matthew McNeil** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Im proud to have know Dean, He was a good friend. Fritz Fritz Fritz and Spratt forever.*

~

*Bernie and Katherine Fritz,*

*Lees Summit, Missouri*

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**Bernie and Katherine Fritz** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ND

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“ You were 13½ years older than me, but we shared a special connection; me being the youngest and you being the oldest. Even though I do not understand God’s master plan and will always wonder “Why?”, I know that He knows what is best and we must trust in Him. Maybe Lisa was right; God was having a computer problem and needed your help. You were such a loving man. The love you and Carolyn shared was a love so great others can only hope to experience a love like that. Carolyn is one of the most loving, compassionate and giving people I have ever met. She is always doing for others and does not have a selfish bone in her body. She is and always will be a member of this family. I only hope that she doesn’t get sick of us; you know how overwhelming and loud we can be. We love her so much, and I am proud to have her as my sister-in-law. Ben has grown into such a fine young man. He is strong and smart and ambitious just like his Dad. We are so proud of him. Elizabeth is amazing. She is such a smart young woman; getting straight A’s in high school. We all know how very proud you were of her, and we are too. She has the intelligence and drive to be anything she wants, and she will go far in life. And then there is Lisa. Lisa has acquired your love of music and your musical talent. I understand she is becoming quite the musician and has a beautiful voice, just like her Dad. I only hope that she is not as stingy with singing for her family as you were! We are very proud of her too. I got your message tonight via the cup incident. I don’t know what you were trying to tell me, but I know it was you. If you are wondering about your family, rest assured that we are going to take good care of them for you. We are always going to be there for them and will help them in any and all ways necessary. I love you big brother, and I will miss you dearly. One last thing; give Dad a kiss and a hug for me. Until we meet again . . .

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*Chris Wengronowitz,*

*Woodbury, Minnesota*

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*Tom Lijewski,*

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*Contact Me*

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LJ

“ I was so sorry to hear of your loss. The thoughts of many are with you at this time of sorrow.

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*lester johnson,*

*spartanburg, South Carolina*

*Contact Me*

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*Chris Wengronowitz,*

*Woodbury, Minnesota*

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*Hopkins, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Matthew McNeil** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Im proud to have know Dean, He was a good friend. Fritz Fritz Fritz and Spratt forever.*

~

*Bernie and Katherine Fritz,*

*Lees Summit, Missouri*

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**Bernie and Katherine Fritz** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *It's so hard to believe Dean is no longer with us. Those of us at Metro Networks will continue to miss him. He was a truly good man with a wonderful sense of humor. Our prayers remain with the family.*

~

*Carol Williams,*

*Minneapolis/Saint Paul, Minnesota*

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**Carol Williams** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Few people can go through life with no enemies but Dean certainly was one of them. Everyone got along with him. My family and I will miss Dean very much. He was a staple in our home on Thursday nights with his great music, funny songs, and interest in teaching us something. I especially enjoyed the audio theater he presented and the banter between himself and the irc chatters in #w0kie. Thank you, Dean. We will never forget you. The Scace Family

~

*Stephanie Scace,*

*Macomb, Illinois*

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**Stephanie Scace** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ Like Dean, I too, am totally Blind, and wrote to Dean in 1979 to ask him how I could make a career out of radio broadcasting. I later met him, and we became good friends during the time I lived in the Twin Cities from 1985 through 1998. Words I write here, can't express how sad I am at his passing. He was a real inspiration to me, and since I am in broadcasting today at WMTM radio here in Moultrie GA, I guess his friendly advice proved to be quite helpful. Dean: You'll be missed.

~

*Dennis Nelson,*

*Moultrie, Georgia*

*Contact Me*

**Dennis Nelson** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Dean and I met in 1963. We use to talk for hours on the ham bands. We worked side by side in a photo shop for a time. We lost touch in 1992. I remember telling my good friend seemed to want to be the best in everything he set out to do. He told me a school teacher once told him, "you can't be as good as your class mates, you must be better". He lived up to those goles. He helped me through a rocky time in my life. He gave me some good advice. Knowing him helped me become who I am today. He was hot headed, seemed to know a little about everything. If you really knew him like I did, you know that was the real Dean. He was and is my great friend. I shall miss my friend for the remainder of my life.

~

*Randy Rusnak,*

*Duluth, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Randy Rusnak** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ I've known Dean since High School. He was one of the people who helped me get started in CB Radio, way back before it was popular. Dean and another friend Randy (Whirlwind) helped to put my antenna on my parents house, which was 3 stories high! His handle was Cyclone, mine was Athena. The CB group would gather at Minnehaha Falls, sit around and sing songs, Dean would play guitar. I have a lot of fond memories of those days. Words are hard to come by at a time like this. My prayers are with his family. Sincerely,

~

*Jennene Rick,*

*Lakeville, Minnesota*

[Contact Me](#)

**Jennene Rick** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *I remember when Dean came on ventrilo, he was really funny, and a good person. He did really good liners from acb radio interactive*

~

*Keao Wright,*

*Hawaii*

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**Keao Wright** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DD

“*Dean and I played in 3 different bands back in the mid 70's around the St. Cloud area. He was fun to be around and his prowess on the Hammond organ (and any other keyboard for that matter) was phenomenal. God Speed Deano.*

~

*Dave Daniel,*

*St. Joseph, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Dave Daniel** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I had the pleasure of working with Dean for 7 years at Metro Networks. I was impressed and amazed daily by the most positive, creative, knowledgeable, and caring person I have ever met. He enlightened me and everybody he came into contact with. I am extremely saddened by his sudden passing. He will truly be missed.

~

*Craig Stevens,*

*St Paul, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Craig Stevens** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ I couldn't believe it when I heard the news. Carolyn, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I knew Dean from working at 'CCO before I even met John and know those two were best of friends for years. My heart aches for what you are going through and we'll miss his hilarious wit and gift for electronics. He also had a gift of making it seem like he just talked to you even if it had been a while. You know Heaven has the best traffic reporting team in its midst. Love and Blessings,

~

*Pamela Lundell,*

*Minnetonka, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

**Pamela Lundell** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ I met Deano in 1981 on Citizen Band radio when I was speaking to my former wife on channel 7 coming home from roller skating. (How's that for a memory) He said the reason he broke in was because it was the only intelligent conversation he could find..ha. We became instant friends and started hanging out. He was working for WCCO radio as the traffic king. Dean and I spent many hours sharing and riding around in the car talking all over the world on ham radio. he will be missed dearly!

~

*Steven Gibb,*

*San Diego, California*

*Contact Me*

**Steven Gibb** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ You are so right Mike. We at CNI Radio, will also "sady miss Dean's friendly voice beaming to satellite dish owners every Thursday night from windy outer space."A great loss to the satellite, terrestrial and Internet radio broadcasting worlds.Our heartfelt condolences to Dean's family. We will sorely miss our Skyscanner.

~

*Bambi aka Fran Parker,*

*Dendron, Virginia*

*Contact Me*

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**Bambi aka Fran Parker** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Dean Spratt was a very good friend of my family and I have known him my entire life. He will be missed in my life and many others. He was my Dad's (JOhn Lundell) best friend in this world and I am proud to have known him you are in our prayer and thoughts and we are here for youJennie Lundell

~

*Jennie Lundell,*

*Plymouth, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Jennie Lundell** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *What a loss to everyone. Dean and I worked together at 'CCO Radio in the golden days. The best time was when we did the Hometown Social in Jackson, Minnesota. Boone and Erickson were the stars, but Dean held us all together. He will be missed.*

~

*Sue Frase Haven,*

*Backus, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Sue Frase Haven** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ To the Spratt family (I went to South High School with Cheryl Spratt): I was so sorry to read of Dean's passing. I heard him many times on the radio and was so impressed by his knowledge and quick wit. What he could not see physically, he could see in other ways. "Once I was blind, but now I can see. The Light of the World is Jesus". Dean has seen the Savior. My sincerest condolences to the family. Rev. Jean Halvorson

~

*Jean Halvorson,*

*columbia heights, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Jean Halvorson** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ I've known Dean since 1992 and he will be missed. He touched so many people around the country and the world. I'm thankful I had the opportunity to know him. To Dean's family you are in our thoughts and prayers.

~

*Steve Wolf,*

*Nashville, Tennessee*

*Contact Me*

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**Steve Wolf** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Dean was my boardman at St Cloud State-KVSC in the early 70's. What a terrific guy and also a fun guy. He was great at telling jokes as I was reporting on the air---I learned alot from him. He was a real asset to broadcasting profession. He will be missed.

~

*Peg (Olson) Mead,*

*Sauk Centre,, Minnesota*

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**Peg (Olson) Mead** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ND

“ Dean Spratt (N0HSR) a silent key Last Saturday night, Dean went to bed early, complaining of a headache. On Sunday morning, he was rushed to the hospital and diagnosed with a massive stroke in blocking 95% of the main artery to the brain stem. Over the last week, we believed Dean was going to recover. He was hearing and understanding people, recognizing his friends and family, and speaking, although his speech was labored. I'd planned to visit Dean in the hospital some time this week. On Friday night, Dean took a turn for the worse and was placed on a respirator. He lost consciousness and the family met to decide how aggressive the treatment should be. On Saturday afternoon at about 2:30 PM, the family had the respirator removed. Dean died peacefully about half an hour later. For many years, Dean was recognizable as the voice of traffic on WCCO radio, heard throughout the Midwest on the clear channel frequency of 830 KHz. In the late 1990's, Dean moved to Metro Networks as a news writer and announcer. He also became quite skilled at using Jaws to perform computing tasks both on, and off, the job. I'm not sure when Dean received his first amateur radio license, but I believe he's been a ham for over 30 years. He also spent a great deal of time producing programming for the W0KIE satellite radio network. Dean had an avid interest in old-time and new-time radio drama. In 2006, he had a chance to be in the Colonial Radio Theater On the Air production, Proudler River. dean and i go way back i helped him get on ham radio installed antennas email me at n0bve@yahoo.com

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*n0bve don,*

*minnetonka, Minnesota*

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**n0bve don** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Deano never failed to amaze me. And his voice was "The Coolest" radio voice ever. I was fortunate to know him and work with him here at WCCO. He will be missed by all!!! Dan Geiger, Producer WCCO AM 830 RadioMpls

~

*Dan Geiger,*

*Fridley, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Dan Geiger** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ To all of Dean's family...We were roommates at St. Cloud and I cannot recall a better time in my life. Getting to know and live with Dean enriched my whole world, and that of others as well, beyond measure or words. We kept in loose contact after that, and our circles intertwined in some very interesting ways. The world seems a little duller now, with his passing. He was the best, and that's for sure.

~

*Dave Sarazin,*

*Cloquet, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Dave Sarazin** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Condolences to the family and all of the listener community. Dean will be missed by all of us.*

~

*Rick M,*

*Naperville, Illinois*

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**Rick M** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

VD

“ I knew Dean when he lived in St. Cloud. Sometimes I would pick him up from his job at WJON and take him to a gig somewhere. A man of music, adventure and fun. How he talked me into letting him drive home one night still amazes me. But that was almost 30 years ago – so maybe that explains some of it. Thinking of those times makes me smile. Realizing he’s gone makes me sad. My heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends.

~

*Vicki Davis,*

*St. Cloud, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Vicki Davis** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MR

“*Dear Spratt Family, I feel it is my honor to have met Dean and to have met you all. I have been amazed at the love this family has for one another. I will be here always for not only Ben, but all of you.*

~

*Mandie Rainwater,*

*Asheville, North Carolina*

*Contact Me*

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**Mandie Rainwater** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *Carolyn and Family....we were saddened when our daughter, Pam Lundell, called to tell us of Dean's passing. We felt like we knew him personally from the stories John shared with us, and it was obvious when Dean spoke at John's funeral of the love and admiration they had for each other. Dean will be remembered with gentle smiles, good stories and happy feelings in the hearts of those who loved him. May it comfort you to remember that our Lord is our hope in the beginning of each day, and He is our peace at the end of the day. Our deepest sympathy,*

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*Jackie and Bob Neese,*

*Aitkin, Minnesota*

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**Jackie and Bob Neese** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *My thoughts and best wishes are with Deans family at this sad time. He was a good guy. A real good guy. I will miss listening to him on Thursday nights. Well done, Dean. Well done.*

~

*Jerry Robbins,*

*Boston, Massachusetts*

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**Jerry Robbins** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *I love you and miss you more than anyone could ever imagine  
Papa.*

~

*Elizabeth Spratt,*

*Minneapolis, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Elizabeth Spratt** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ GODS SPEED TO ALL THE FAMILY FROM THE RAINWATER FAMILY IN N.C.

~

*BOB RAINWATER,*

*ASHEVILLE, North Carolina*

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**BOB RAINWATER** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MK

“Dean and I met about 15 years ago, as listeners and participants on a national satellite radio talk show. When I found out that we were located about 5 miles from each other, I drove to his house and tuned up his satellite dish. We became fast friends, culminating in a weekly national talk show where we shared information about satellite technology and just about anything that was worth discussing. Dean had the ability to make intelligent conversation on just about any subject, and was a joy to work with. It would be difficult to estimate how many thousands of people around the world looked forward to his satellite and Internet-delivered radio programming, other than to say that he touched the lives of many people. His quick wit and caring attitude will be greatly missed. Our prayers are with Carolyn and the family.

~

*Mike and Laurel Kohl,*

*Plain, Wisconsin*

*Contact Me*

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**Mike and Laurel Kohl** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RH

“*Carolyn and Family, My condolences on Dean's passing. I first met Dean while working at WCCO-Radio in the early 1990s, and we enjoyed a great friendship ever since, fueled (no pun intended) by our mutual love of NASCAR. One of my favorite memories of Dean was when he and I went to interview Dale Earnhardt, who was in town for a GM event. Dale's respect for Dean's racing knowledge was clearly evident, though he did find it hard to believe when Dean said he was a traffic reporter. The photo of the three of us is still one of my favorites. Deano will certainly be missed by many.*

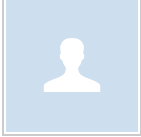
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*Rob Hahn,*

*St. Paul, Minnesota*

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**Rob Hahn** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dean Spratt*

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January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Thank you Dean for everything you have done to spread the love of Satellite. I have enjoyed listening and learning from you over the years. I am willing to bet that where you are now you have a perfect look at the arc. You will be missed. God Bless.

~

*Scott Greczkowski (SatelliteGuys.US),*

*Newington, Connecticut*

*Contact Me*

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**Scott Greczkowski (SatelliteGuys.US)** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ *My condolences to the family and friends of Dean Spratt. I enjoyed listening to his show.*

~

*Mason Vye,*

*Sarnia, Ontario*

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**Mason Vye** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ I wish I could have meet you in life Dean, But I feel like because of your warm heart I did.....I will miss you. best 73

~

*Charles Lowrance,*

*Norfolk, Virginia*

*Contact Me*

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**Charles Lowrance** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Ah, Deano, my heart just aches. I've never known anyone so honest, so completely genuine, or as the term goes now, "authentic". You knew where you stood with Dean! ;) An incredibly inspiring man who I am humbled by. Nothing ever seemed to stop Dean! I'm so blessed to have worked with Dean and honed my traffic skills from the best! My thoughts and prayers are with his wonderfully loving family.

~

*Teri Knight,*

*Lakeville*

*Contact Me*

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**Teri Knight** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ I remember Dean from all of his calls to the Friday Night Live when I was the producer for Gary Bourgeois. I met him when he made his way to Marquette one time. "Whata great guy", was my impression. He always had something interesting to contribute and was a lot of fun. I am going to miss having him in this world. My sincere condolences to his loving family.

~

*Capt Herm,*

*Marquette, Michigan*

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**Capt Herm** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Carolyn and family, we are so sorry to hear of Dean's passing. I will always remember how much fun we had at the back corner table during the Fall Festival Captian's dinner. We couldn't hear much up front, but Dean kept us all entertained! I will miss his music compilations he so generously put together for all of our Spring Extravaganza events. Your family is in our prayers. Tim, Ellen and Josie

~

*Ellen Schmitz,*

*Minneapolis*

*Contact Me*

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**Ellen Schmitz** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *My sincere condolences go out to Dean's family. He was a good friend and great show host on the w0kie network. When talking to him he always made us laugh as he looked on the bright side of things. Dean you will be sorely missed, we love you, God speed.*

~

*Renee Runkle,*

*Fort Payne, Alabama*

*Contact Me*

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**Renee Runkle** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM



CP

“ We discovered C-band radio in 1993 and there he was. Dean has been in our home every week for 13 years now. We guessed Dean was around our age from the music he played. We always appreciated the "family radio" aspect of his programming; our daughter could enjoy the show with us. To Dean's family, you are in our thoughts and prayers. We are sorry for your loss. Dean had so many friends, as he was a kind and amazing person. Dean will be missed.

~

*Clay, kg4owz and Barbara, ki4exs Patric,*

*fort payne, Alabama*

[Contact Me](#)

**Clay, kg4owz and Barbara, ki4exs Patrie** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ I have had the pleasure of working with Dean since 2000, and I have never meant a more professional broadcaster, and one who had more fun with his talent than anyone else I can remember. He touched a lot of people in a most positive way, and his laugh will always be a part of my memories of him. The worlds of Minneapolis/St Paul Music, Broadcasting, and satellite audio will all be dimmer for his passing, but he watches us from the heavens and will always be nudging our boards to get the levels "just right". Dean, buddy, we'll miss you but we'll never forget you.

~

*Brad Clark,*

*Denver, Colorado*

*Contact Me*

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**Brad Clark** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MD

“*Dean's first commercial radio job was at WWJO in St. Cloud. There wasn't a thing around the radio station that he couldn't do. I'm fortunate that our paths crossed. He was one of a kind. He will be missed.*

~

*Mike Diem,*

*Pawleys Island, South Carolina*

*Contact Me*

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**Mike Diem** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ My deepest condolences to Dean's family. I was fortunate to have been introduced to Dean in the 1980's when he worked at WCCO radio and I was at WCCO TV. His deep love for broadcasting was evident then, and it remained exactly the same 20 years later as he did his satellite program. He was the consummate professional. You are in my prayers.

~

*Bob Roeder,*

*Black Canyon City, Arizona*

*Contact Me*

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**Bob Roeder** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was so sorry to hear of your loss. The thoughts of many are with you at this time of sorrow.* ”

~

*lester johnson,*

*spartanburg, South Carolina*

[\*Contact Me\*](#)

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**lester johnson** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ I met Dean in college and lived just around the corner from him on the floor. He always amazed me with his abilities. My wife Ted and I have many fond memories and had some wonderful adventures with him. He will be missed by many.

~

*Guy Schafer,*

*St. Cloud, Minnesota*

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**Guy Schafer** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Over 20+ years ago I met Dean. We shared a common ground with our background in broadcasting as well as amateur radio. Unfortunately our more recent correspondances were by telephone rather than the usual handshake. It's nice to know Dean had many friends and I wish Carol and the family my deepest regards in losing Dean. We will all miss him.

~

*Randy Wendel,*

*Bloomington, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Randy Wendel** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ I've known Dean from the w0kie network. He will be missed. May your soul rest in the hands of the Lord, Dean.

~

*Rob L,*

*Navarre, Florida*

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**Rob L** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I met Dean on ventrillo when i first talked to him and every time after it always felt like I was talking to an old friend. I will miss him.

~

*Stephen Sternthal,*

*Pennsylvania*

*Contact Me*

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**Stephen Sternthal** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Our thought's and prayers go out to the family that Dean leaves behind. Dean was a breath of fresh air and was a vibrant part of our Thursday nights on w0kie satelite radio.He will be missed by many.And in our hearts he will remain "Forever Young"We will miss you very much

~

*Janet AKA (Evileen) Ross,*

*Sharon, Pennsylvania*

*Contact Me*

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**Janet AKA (Evileen) Ross** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ *Trust. Absolute, unmitigated, unflinching trust. Dean and I were college buddies. We "found each other" at KVSC-FM in St. Cloud, MN in the early 70s. Both rebellious, naive, hungry to learn, and mischievous, we were sympatico. But from the beginning, trust ruled everything we did together. He trusted me absolutely and that special and enormous responsibility helped me grow to be the person I am today. For that short time, I became his second set of eyes...and what a huge responsibility that was. I trusted him, to be honest and direct - to tell it like it was. He did. Always. From late nights in one of our apartments, sharing stories of the day and listening to and discovering great music, to summer day trips to the quarries for some beer and swimming, to working together in the studio, he was always there for me. The mic is live, Buddy. It's your show.*

~

*Kevin Leja,*

*Bellingham, Washington*

*Contact Me*

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**Kevin Leja** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ I met Dean through the CB radio also in the early 70's. We all had a lot of fun together. He had a wild streak and could get things rolling pretty good. It was good to know him and fun to hear him on the radio after those years. My condolences to the Spratt family. We'll miss you Dean!

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*Ruth (Buzz) Bona,*

*Brooklyn Center, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Ruth (Buzz) Bona** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TL

“Dean was my inspiration and shaped my life. We met when we were teenagers and were friends throughout our lives. Dean could do anything he set his mind to. I’ve never known a stronger, more intelligent, or energetic person. He took pride in being an expert in his chosen interests and people sought his advice. Everyone liked Dean. He had more stories and jokes and could tell them better than anyone. He was fearless and wouldn’t back down from what he believed was right. He was a great musician with perfect pitch. And later in our lives we finally were able to be in a band together like we always talked about. What fun we had. Though we drifted apart these last few years, Dean will always be in my thoughts. Knowing him has helped guide me through my daily life.

~

*Tom LeRoy,*

*Coon Rapids, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Tom LeRoy** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *I met Dean over 10 years ago. I was honored to be able to jam with him as we were both keyboard players. Dean was a great friend, a great musician, and singer. My condolences to his family and all his many friends. Dean is singing with the best of them now.*

~

*David Gerhardt,*

*San Antonio, Texas*

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**David Gerhardt** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NI

“ I remember the first time I talked with Dean, he was a great person to talk with and I loved listening to what he had to say. I will miss him and my condolences to his family and friends. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

~

Nicole,

Plymouth, Minnesota

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**Nicole** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ I've only known Dean since he joined the WOKIE Radio Network, in the mid '90s. And i didn't really get to know him well untill the last few years. In that time, i've come to know him as as one of the topmost notch people around. I missed out on a lot of stuff; but the time in which i've had the opportunity to interact with him, i have enjoyed immensely--right down to little things, like experimenting with new and interesting ways to hand off from our show to his, every thursday--which he always handled beautifully, no matter what disastrous curves i occasionally threw at him, with little or no warning. I'll miss that, and everything else. You totally rocked, Dean! We miss you. You said it best in some of your last week's words: "This sucks!"

~

*Brian Patrie,*

*Fort Payne, Alabama*

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**Brian Patrie** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *"Fritz, Fritz, Fritz & Spratt"*How fun was that? Rest in peace Dean.

~

*John and Mary Fritz,*

*Lindstrom, Minnesota*

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**John and Mary Fritz** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ I met Dean over 10 years ago. Though we never played music together on stage, it was my honor, privilege, and pleasure to jam with him. Dean was a great keyboardist, singer, front man, and all around fantastic human being. He is loved and remembered fondly. To his family go my heartfelt condolences and love. Dean is now singing and playing with the greats where he belongs.

~

*Dave Gerhardt,*

*San Antonio, Texas*

*Contact Me*

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**Dave Gerhardt** - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM