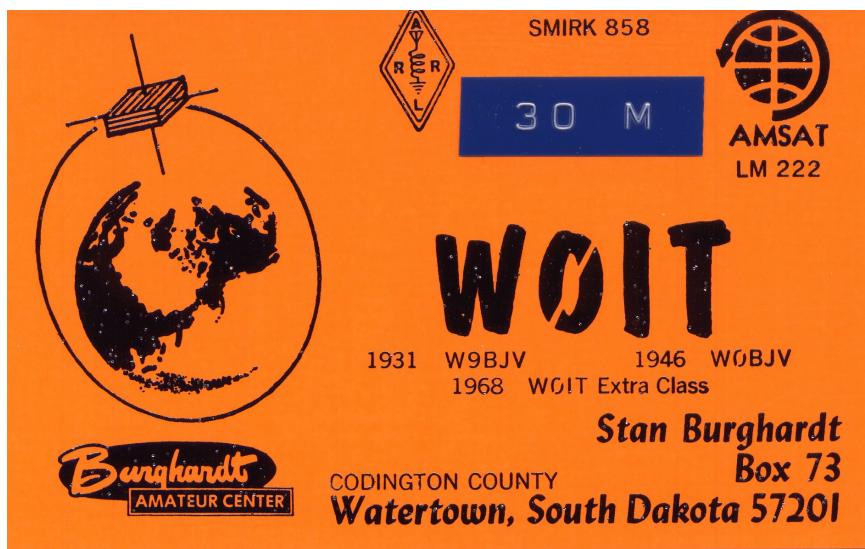


**Stan L. Burghardt WØIT - WØBJV \*1910-2004\*** Born in Omaha to Paul and Emily Haakerson Burghardt. Stan resided in Omaha before moving to Watertown, SD. He graduated from Watertown High School in 1928.

As a young man Stan lived a short time in Wisconsin before serving during WWII. He was a charter member of the 34<sup>th</sup> Signal Corps formed in 1929. He was inducted into Federal service as a 2<sup>nd</sup> LT with the Company in 1941, eventually serving in North Africa. Then 21 months in the Italian campaign and was promoted to Lt. Colonel. He was awarded the Legion of Merit and the Military Valor Cross for his performance in the Italian Campaign. Following the war, our subject returned to South Dakota -



Licensed in 1931 as W9BJV prewar, a salesman for Watertown Motor Accessories from 1930 until 1937. He began selling amateur radio parts in 1937 and was active in the radio business until 2002.



The radio parts and retail business is a tough area and some are not pleased with one situation or another yet Stan always tried to please.

Our subject sponsored ham radio classes and also permitted his store to be used as a testing location for the license exams.

Stan passed away Sunday Aug 29<sup>th</sup> 2004. He would have celebrated his 94<sup>th</sup> birthday in September of

2004. He was very active in ham radio up to the time of his passing especially on 6 Meters. Those activities included satellite work, AMSAT and SMIRK. He was a regular QST advertiser for 50 years and many early ads featured a photo of Burghardt with his signature.

Mr. Burghardt was preceded in death by one son, Bill. Survivors include his wife, Clara Burghardt, one son, Bruce Burghardt of Watertown, one daughter and eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Stans's card was received by your author in 1982 when the new 30 Meter band opened up under provisions of WARAC-79. Stan honored my request of his QSL for the state of South Dakota. It was appreciated for my CW credit on the band for Worked All States. Jim Smith WØMJY is the present owner. Partially scripted w0wtw.org

