

Dana Marvin (Bud) Bailey III- W8FZJ - *1915-1977* To Dana M. Jr (musician, mayor and businessman) and Grace Bailey. Their son Bud became a B&O Railroad traffic control telegrapher. Of 131 W. Church St. Newton Falls, Oh. Bud as he was known was born 10 Feb 1915 and raised at the Falls and became interested in ham radio in his early years by a fellow employee while working at dads and grandfathers family owned Bailey Furniture, the oldest furniture store in Trumbull County.



Mike Serotko a boyhood pal advised your writer, Bud was influenced by Frank Dewey Jones (K8CHD) who was much older, both working at Bailey's Furniture, Dewey built a receiving set and gave it to Bud and that was the start of the radio career. Bud became licensed in the early 1930's and enjoyed CW, working top band and the HF band. He enjoyed the traffic system on CW. Very little phone was utilized.

At one point in Bud's life, he married and had a daughter (Barb). Bud was residing in Lake Milton at the time, renting there and had a secondary or portable call at the time. He did not have military duty. Another Falls ham and friend of your author

one John Robeck K8ORF also at one point resided in Lake Milton, eventually built in Newton Falls. Most of Bud's life worked as a telegraph operator for the B & O Railroad. I have a pay stub where it revealed his wages in the later years. His post was the tower in the Falls (FN), which was destroyed via train wreck at the station. A very old building which I have visited once with W8CMS. The post was occupied by an operator 24 hours a day. Telegraph is long gone, being replaced with FM radiotelephone.

Serotko advised me October 2002 that Bud had a ground plane for 10M operation and his first receiver was a National SW3. Serotko continued; "Bud was a thinker and read a lot and recited Shakespear without missing a word." They had taken a trip to Yellowstone Park one year and split the expenses, when they were a lot younger. Bud and his wife split up 5 or 10 years before Bailey expired. Bailey's father operated Baileys Furniture, eventually Mike Polk was the owner. The business started in 1860 and originally was a funeral parlor and furniture store.

Mike Serotko recalls that he and Bud handed promotional pamphlets door to door and on the streets, the hand Bills promoted Bailey Furniture and they felt that they did a good service in getting the word.

Bailey expired 20 Jan 1977 of liver cancer and in his last days resided at his Aunts home in the Falls. He rests at N. Falls Cemetery and inscribed on his unusual stone is "In Transition." It appears his stone has been vandalized but it is not broken but askew. Deceased friend, Bob Bender of the Falls once stated that the cemetery once was a beautiful place with many oak trees however they got complacent with the maintenance necessary to keep the place up and cut most of the oak and maples. I had asked Mike S., if Bud had been a Lodge member and he didn't recall. Continued page 2



A late thought, I have an extended story where young teens Bailey III and friend Bender took a motorcycle trip with another Falls boy in the '30s across country for about a month, Texas, Mexico, Colorado etc. A 1907 photo of the B&O station Newton Falls Ohio. adjacent Bud III W8FZJ as a school kid in the Falls..



It would be worth mentioning Bud's father Dana Jr. a child prodigy played cornet, studied music locally at Dana School of Music, becoming the band director of Berea College in Kentucky. He purchased an engraved silver cornet with earnings from the symphony. The cornet was enjoyed by the family for generations. Dana Bailey Jr left music to earn better income for his family in the furniture business. W8SU 2015