

Charles Edward Marvin Sr *1918-1997* W9VHH - W8WEM - Historian, ghost writer, electronic engineer To Albert (collector General Motors) Adele Marvin a Kansas City Missouri family; With Charlie eventually making Rock Creek, Ashtabula County Ohio their home base. W8WEM enjoyed the Ohio traffic service nets and at one point into MARS affiliate radio net control system. He engineered and had a large HF vertical array on several acres at Rock Creek that he claimed had unique qualities.

There is a record of Charlie in the Marine Corps for 13 months during 1936 and 1937. By 1938 Charlie was listed in the Spring call book (W9VHH) residing at 2319 E48th Kansas City MO - In 1943 Charlie married Wilma Marion Sword - Jackson County Missouri. At Wilma's death in 1998 we learned the family consisted of a daughter Mary and three sons; Charles Jr; William and Walter. According to phone records Marvin resided in Alum Creek WV; Columbus Ohio and Eastford Ct.

Charlie became a handicapped person, having severe burns on his hands, arms and possibly the face. Unknown circumstances however he mentioned over his repeater system in Rock Creek about an antenna farm disaster where he was injured there at the property. Charlie's name would come into view in various radio magazines where he was willing to help anyone with theory and getting on the air. Marvin expired at age 78 and rests at Saybrook Cemetery Ashtabula County Ohio. Memorial marker courtesy of Ann Stranman. QSL card of K8CX Ham Gallery.

I met Charlie at his home and enjoyed the Ice Tea welcome by Wilma who also had a ticket and worked Two Meters. Charlie desired to chat about technical matters where I was interested more in learning about his personal history which he didn't desire to share. He did explain what he knew about W2OY Mike who was out of the Buffalo region and quite an interesting ham operator. Charlie operated his personal two meter repeater on 146.64 I believe it was and he was proud to be able to assist campers in a local park over the summer months. Im sure many of you can fill in the blanks and add a lot more material that I'm not going to divulge. RIP W8VHH - W8WEM

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