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Bob du Treil, Sr.

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Well-known broadcast engineering consultant Bob du Treil, Sr, passed away at the Tidewater Hospice on Thursday, March 19th. He was 88



Louis Robert du Treil
October 3, 1932 – March 19, 2021

The Principal and Senior Engineer, du Treil, Lundin & Rackley, Inc. from 1987 until the present, Bob was one of nine children born to L.J.N. (Joe) and Elise duTreil. After high school, he enlisted in the Coast Guard, after which he started working in radio broadcast in Washington, DC

In 1961 Bob du Treil, Sr. received a BSEE from Louisiana State University at Lafayette, LA. Later in the same year, he married his wife of 59 years, Barbara.

His varied engineering experience – and Registered Professional Engineer status – resulted in engagements with John Mullaney & Associates's Multronics and his father's consulting engineering firm, L.J.N. du Treil & Associates (Joe du Treil was an RPE in New Orleans where, among other jobs, helped build WWL).

In 1971, Bob joined Jules Cohen & Associates. In 1983 he launched his own firm – with Ron Rackley – du Treil-Rackley Consulting Engineers. After merging with A.D. Ring & Associates, du Treil, Lundin & Rackley, Inc. relocated to Sarasota, Florida in 1993.

All-in-all, Bob had over 60 years of broadcast engineering covering all aspects of AM, FM & TV allocations, FCC applications and various field work.

Papers written by Bob regarding design of AM directional antenna patterns were used in the ITV Region 2 conference in Rio de Janeiro in 1983. Bob was a member of the Association of Federal Communications Consulting Engineers (AFCCE), having served as President, a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE), and the Society of Broadcast Engineers (SBE). In 2011, the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) awarded him their Engineering Achievement Award.

Bob retired in 2006, volunteering his time at the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Sarasota Memorial Hospital.

He is survived by Barbara, two sons and a daughter, nine grandchildren and a great-grandson.

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