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## **Zaven N. “Doc” Masoomian**

**1921 - 2013**

Zaven Noobar “Doc” Masoomian passed away on October 11, 2013 at his home in Plano, Texas. He was 92.



**Doc Masoomian**

**February 18, 1921 – October 11, 2013**

Doc Masoomian was born in Worcester, Massachusetts on February 18, 1921 of Armenian parents who emigrated to the US in the early 1900s. After schooling, he began his career in the late 1930's at a local radio station in Worcester, soon moving (1941) to WQXR, New York City as a Studio Engineer.



In January 1942, Masoomian's broadcast career was interrupted by service in the Army Air Forces. He began pilot training as a B-17 pilot at Stamford, Texas. Upon completion of his flight training he was shipped to a base in England from which the first B-17 raids on Germany were staged.

His plane was shot down by ground fire on his first raid over Germany; he was held prisoner in a German Prisoner of War Camp until being freed at the end of the war.

Doc returned to the United States in July of 1945, married his wife Margie, and returned to work at WQXR. Over the years, he became the Studio Supervisor and eventually progressed to the position of Chief Engineer for WQXR AM and FM in the early 1960's.

After some 40 years of service at the WQXR stations, Massomian retired in 1985 and relocated to Plano, Texas.

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After retiring from WQXR, Doc represented Northeast Broadcast Lab in the North Texas area and continued his enthusiastic support of the Society of Broadcast Engineers with the Dallas/Ft. Worth Chapter 67.



Additionally, Masoomian was also very active in Veteran's Affairs in the North Texas area and in World War II POW affairs and Chapter 612 of "The Military Order of the Purple Heart".

Doc is survived by two sons and two daughters. His wife Margie preceded him. His funeral is scheduled for Monday, October 21, 2013 at 11:00 AM in the Chapel at Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano, Texas. In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation to the Church in Doc's name.

Doc was our friend for well over 30 years and a consistent supporter of the SBE. The meetings will not be the same without his shining face and booming voice introducing "Doc Masoomian, WQXR, New York," but his presence and his unwavering faith in God and our country has certainly made the world a better place.

He will be missed by his many friends.

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