



## Martin Dawson

November 22, 1958 - May 2, 2023

Mr. Martin D. (Marty) Dawson of Tyrone, Georgia passed away on May 2, 2023. Marty is survived by his wife, Carola W. Dawson. No services are planned at this time and will be announced at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

EB

“ *Rest in Peace my old friend.  
It has been quite some time since we last spoke. I wish we had kept  
in touch. I learned a lot from you from Electronics to Music.*

*For the record, I did think of you often.*

*I was truly saddened when I googled your name and found your  
obituary.*

*I hope we meet again in the next.....*

*Erik Bruner - 22.05.2024*

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**Erik Bruner** - May 21, 2024 at 10:34 PM

 John  
Hoyt

“ I first met Marty in early 1987 I believe it was, when I started playing with a cat named Skip who had a studio at his home. Marty lived on the property and was also a musician, so we made a lot of music in this ultra-cool studio which was more like a commercial studio than any home studio, with air-gapped walls.

We all had so many things in common, from music, to computers, to electronics, to ham radio, to a love of being silly and having fun.

I was new to Los Angeles and Marty helped me get established there by hiring me part time at Dawson Technical Services, a business where he repaired TVs, stereos, amplifiers, and other electronics. I was a handy guy, but Marty taught me how to diagnose and repair circuit level components. Improved my soldering and desoldering skills considerably.

These are skills I have used throughout my own career to make a living!

He gave me a Fluke 77 meter to use, and I still have it, and it still works!

He put me to work repairing AWAI duplicating cassette decks that came from a studio that was tracking modern popular songs and putting foreign vocals to it. In addition to repairing all these decks, he was tracking guitar for them, and that led to me doing some bass work.

Marty also found I was an adept sound tech and introduced me to a couple sound companies that used me for FOH and monitor mix gigs for some up-and-coming acts.

Moving to a new area is difficult, especially a country boy moving to SoCal. Marty made that transition easier.

We've kept in touch over the years, with him stopping in to see me in Greenville SC on many trips he made for his job.

The last time I saw him was in 2019 when his wife, Carola, and him

*stopped in and we shared a long lunch catching up.  
He even moved to within 3 hours of me, but in spite of that we never  
got the chance to make music beyond the 80s and early 90s, the  
one regret I have!*

*Recently, we have mostly chatted online, shared stupid memes and  
laughs together, and every once in a while, we would test the  
conditions of our rigs.*

*Marty, you were a great guy, and I shall always remember you and  
all the help you gave me over the years. You you inspired me to  
create a Facebook group with 13k members, where we try to help  
local musicians get plugged into the music scene....*

*BTW, I'm not sad for Marty! I'm glad he got to meet a wonderful  
woman that made him happy, move to a beautiful area of our  
country and enjoy a lot of living!!!!  
I'm just selfishly sad for me.*

*Much love to his family and friends!!!!*

*DE W5UGD / John*



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**John Hoyt** - May 08, 2023 at 09:58 AM

MB

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**Marc Bowen** - May 08, 2023 at 02:41 AM

MB

“ On behalf of Marty's many on-air TEN-TEC Legacy Net ham radio friends, this is devastating news.

*Marty was a regular participant on each of our Saturday/Sunday "Nets" but he meant much more to countless on-air friends.*

*Marty and my relationship grew during the past five years to a special place, not just friends, but the best of friends.*

*A week ago tomorrow, Marty emailed some health concerns we have in common which included news of upcoming tests scheduled the next day.*

*An expected post-visit update never arrived.*

*Twice since, with building concern, email requests were sent seeking hopeful news.*

*No response.*

*Our weekend on-air gatherings concluded a short while ago with no Check-in from Marty so, on a whim, I did an internet search and remain stunned, truly frozen in place, to read our beloved Marty, had passed.*

*Carola, and to Marty's four-legged son, dog Master Bailey, we mourn Marty's passing and your loss with shared, tear-soaked cheeks.*

*How fortunate you were to have celebrated Marty's life - a person I affectionately called a "mystery man" given his many talents.*

*There are only a few people I have known earning the label of a "polymath" - Marty was a fine example.*

*We were born nearly a month apart in 1958 which afforded an*

*untold number of stories about our growing up years and adulthood - music, the advent of computers, ham radio and so many other shared topics.*

*No matter the subject, Marty had more than awareness, he possessed expertise never hesitating to apply his knowledge in service to others.*

*Knowing Marty, he would want us to celebrate his life beyond our period of brief mourning.*

*I believe he would want each of us to also celebrate the temporary, as in our brief time remaining in this world but not of this world.*

*My faith leads me to believe the light of all knowledge has wondrously filled Marty's soul and I look forward to his heavenly guidance when I walk the narrow path.*

*On that note, Marty once wrote in an email thinking my unexpected absence had signaled my worldly exit, writing:*

*"One never knows much more than the fact that tomorrow is never guaranteed."*

*Words fitly written from a man we all were fortunate to have celebrated.*

*In the tradition of Amateur Radio when a fellow Ham passes, there is a "Silent Key" tribute which we will conducted next weekend at sunrise on Saturday May 13th 6:30 AM EDT followed by a sunset Sunday May 14th 8:00PM EDT tribute.*

*Below is the tribute format to be followed by on-air comments to include reading of any emailed comments wished to be read.*

*"All stations, please stand by.*

*N6PRX, N6PRX, N6PRX...*

*This is W4OVT, over?*

*<Pause>*

*N6PRX, N6PRX, N6PRX...*

*This is W4OVT, over?*

*<Pause>*

*N6PRX, N6PRX, N6PRX...*

*This is W4OVT, over?*

*This is W4OVT. Nothing heard.*

*All stations. N6PRX does not answer.*

*Be advised N6PRX has been transferred with honor from active membership to the TEN-TEC Legacy Net's Silent Key roll.*

*Anyone wishing to participate (Ham Radio Operator or otherwise), email [marc@w4ovt.org](mailto:marc@w4ovt.org) or call 828-925-8000.*

*Godspeed Marty...drop some bread crumbs along your way to Heaven's Hooterville...we will be together again shortly.*

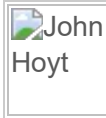
*Until we meet again,*

*73, Our Dear Friend,*

*TEN-TEC Legacy Nets  
Marc Bowen - W4OVT et al  
Greensboro, NC*

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**Marc Bowen** - May 07, 2023 at 09:09 PM



*Wow.... lovely tribute to an awesome guy!  
de W5UGD*

**John Hoyt** - May 08, 2023 at 09:35 AM

**MB**

*Thank you John for sharing your story and great photo.*

**Marc Bowen** - May 08, 2023 at 06:43 PM

**BH**

*“ I'm really going to miss the booming voice of N6PRX checking in from 'Hooterville'. Vaya con Dios, Marty. Roberta and I are praying for his family. Brian & Roberta Haren*

**Brian Haren** - May 04, 2023 at 08:05 PM

**TB**

*“ This is very sad news indeed . Marty was a character and a great human being. We often traded memes and funny or odd stuff on messenger.*

*I met Marty just once at our monthly breakfast meeting of McDonough GMRS members. I will cherish that memory.*

*He was one of the first members I got to know on the air in NGGMRS, and always looked forward to hearing his voice. This is a great loss to all who knew Marty. Condolences to his family. He will be missed by all who were lucky enough to know him.*

**Tim Barrett** - May 04, 2023 at 01:33 PM



“Marty was very active in amateur (ham) radio operating with the callsign N6PRX. He was a member of the Fayette County Amateur Radio Club, Newnan Regional Amateur Radio Club, and North Georgia GMRS. We're going to miss you Marty. N6PRX, SK. - 73, KI4ASK (Joe) and KI4HHI (Mary Catherine)



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**Joe Domaleski** - May 04, 2023 at 10:48 AM

CB

“Marty was one of my earliest contacts on the amateur bands and had a unique way of making conversation easy. That was something important to a new ham like me at that time. Over the course of a couple years we would share our daily stories. I also had the pleasure of having several in person chats as well. Marty's absence will be a void for all of us. For me, I will miss his “N6”-slight pause-“PRX”, and his “hello, JUJ, Chuck”. My friend, you added many a joys to my life and are now in a place where you can continue to share that joy.

*N6PRX, this is KO4JUJ. I'll be clear on your final. Until we meet again, 73  
Charles Blount*

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**Charles Blount** - May 04, 2023 at 08:22 AM