

OCARC Past President Jim Roberts, N6XTJ Silent Key.

James L. Roberts - N6XTJ passed away on June 9th 2025 while visiting his hometown for a Beaumont High school reunion. Cause of death was not given. The news of his passing recently reached the OCARC.

At the time of his death, Jim was retired and living in Ojai, in Ventura County. There he was active in the OVARC (Ojai Valley Amateur Radio Club) and the Ojai Valley Gun Club. Jim was a former Forensic Investigator for the LA sheriff's department, and later the Ventura County sheriff's department. Jim lived in Glendale, Long Beach, and later in Ojai.

Jim first joined OCARC in September of 1990 after moving from Glendale. He was an avid field day participant with the club and often 40 meter band captain. Jim also contributed articles to the RF newsletter, including a four-part article on packet radio starting in the [October 1992](#) issue. In 1994 Jim was elected vice president of OCARC under president Chris Breller KJ6ZH. In 1995 he moved into the president's chair and Bob AF6C was Veep under Jim.

Shortly after his presidency, Jim changed jobs and went to work for the Ventura Co. Sheriff's Dept. He moved



to Ojai, but kept his membership with the club until 2005. Jim attended our club's 75th anniversary reunion held at the Red Cross in 2008. The photo shows Jim addressing club members.

When not investigating crime scenes, or on his ham radio, Jim enjoyed bike riding, photography, his gun club activities and helping others. He remained involved with the Southern California Firearms Study Group and the Association of Firearm and Tool Mark Examiners.

An [obituary](#) appeared in the Ventura County Star (VC Star) newspaper.

A special thanks to Wayne - W6OEU of the OVARC for filling in many of the details.