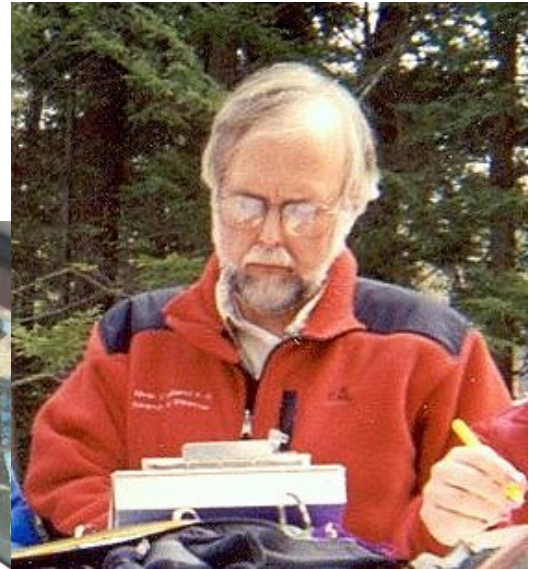


In Memoriam
Stan Miastkowski



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**Communications
Officer,
Team Mate & Friend**

**"Integrity is doing the
right thing when no
one is looking."**

Stan came to New England K-9 Search & Rescue out of a deep love of dogs and desire to share his time and skills to help us bring the talents of our K-9s and their handlers to the aid of those who were in need. Stan brought his 30 years in technology journalism, his broadcast experience and his private passion for Ham radios to our search & rescue world. And we truly benefited from his knowledge and his gentle soul. Stan found an extended family as a NEK9 SAR team member—he found a place where all his talents were needed. He derived great satisfaction from knowing how much he contributed to those families whose loved ones needed help finding their way home. Stan's work as one of our communications officers also helped keep all of his team mates safe. When new mapping or GPS technology was developed Stan researched how it might enhance the quality of our work. He had a talent for quietly and gracefully making this technology accessible—even to his team members who just wanted to get into the woods and work their dog.

During these last 2+ years Stan struggled with tremendous dignity and humor against a still undiagnosed neurological disease. When he finally could no longer safely respond to searches he continued to support our missions as master of our web site and radio guru. We are so much better for your talents and your friendship. You will be missed.

**Courage doesn't always roar,
Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day -
"I'll try again tomorrow"**