

Bereavement Policy

Your Board of Directors is tasked with handling club business between meetings. The NorthEast Louisiana Amateur Radio Club (NELARC) is a social as well as technical club, with the common interest of Amateur Radio. We are all saddened when one of our own becomes a silent key, or when a club member loses someone in their immediate family. It was noted that we had no written bereavement policy of how to recognize and honor those going through such events. To provide a written, easy to follow policy, your board unanimously makes the following recommendation:

1. When a club member in good standing* becomes a silent key, an Amateur Radio related book will be donated to a public library in memorandum of that member, and a acknowledgement note shall be sent to the family. The thought being that while flowers are pretty, they last a few days – books last years or even decades.
2. When an immediate family member of a club member in good standing* passes, a book will be donated as shown above. Immediate family member shall be defined as: spouse, child, parent or sibling of the club member.
3. The current Board of Directors, or their designee, would be responsible for selecting the book or books to be purchased.
4. The club Sec/Treas shall be tasked with keeping a list of book titles purchased/donated, and to which library branch they are donated.
5. Often, the ARRL , with which our club is affiliated, offers discounts or special purchase incentives for bulk purchases of books. The Board asks permission to save the club money by participating in these special purchase opportunities – purchasing several books at a time, to be held by the club Secretary until such time as their donation is required to fulfill #1 or #2 above.

*A club member in good standing shall be construed to mean a club member who is up to date on dues payments for the current year, irregardless of their activity level.