

Zaven N. Masoomian, 1921-2013

Zaven N. "Doc" Masoomian passed away on October 11, 2013 at his home in Plano, Texas. Doc was born in Worcester, Massachusetts on February 18, 1921. He began his career in the late 1930's at a local radio station in Worcester. Doc moved to WQXR, New York City in 1941 as a Studio Engineer.

His career was interrupted by service in the Army Air Forces in January of 1942 when he began pilot training. Doc met his future wife Margie in 1942 while 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 and he was held prisoner in a German Prisoner of War Camp until he was 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. He became the Studio Supervisor and progressed to Chief Engineer of WQXR AM and FM in the early 1960's. He retired in 1985 and relocated to Plano, Texas.

In retirement, 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. He 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 will be held on 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 Church in Doc's name.

He will be missed by his many friends.