

# Rynn Banbury, KA6AEO, K-09 (SK)

Kathrynn Ellen Banbury was born in 1952 in Van Nuys, CA

She attended school in Woodland Hills, and later went to UC Santa Barbara where she graduated with a BA in Biology. Her first job after graduation was with UC Riverside and the US Dept of Forestry studying the adverse impact of smog pollution on pine trees in the San Bernardino Mountains.

Rynn's career path subsequently changed to Data Management at USC Medical Center working on children's cancer studies for ten years. Rynn was asked by an affiliated hospital in Perth Australia to come to work there so their Data Manager could take a year's leave. At the end of that assignment Rynn and her parents took an extended vacation touring Australia. Rynn particularly enjoyed viewing undersea flora and fauna during rides on glass bottom boats, and snorkeling the coral reefs.

Rynn returned from Australia, and worked for a time in Data Management for cancer research at UCLA Medical Center. She retired when her father Wes developed kidney failure, and required home dialysis. She lived with and cared for her Mom and Dad for the rest of her life.

Because Wes was an avid radio amateur Rynn became interested in ham radio as well, and was licensed as KA6AEO. She and her Dad were very active in the Sheriff's Disaster Communication Service. The friends she and her father made in DCS were like a second family to both of them. Rynn continued to be active with DCS throughout most of her battle with cancer.

Given the years Rynn was associated with cancer research, it was ironic that she herself was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in 2018. Much like her Dad, Rynn's condition necessitated home care. Her Mom and two brothers cared for her until her passing May 2, 2020.

