

## Peter Costa W1ZZZ SK

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Peter's wife Sara contacted me to tell me of W1ZZZ's passing on Friday December 2, 2022. There currently is no memorial planned, but the family may hold one later.



W1ZZZ tuning his father's 75A4 in 2022

Peter was an editor and journalist, created the popular *Lonely Guys* net (now run by Steve WA1QIX every Saturday at 8AM on 3875KHz), and had a fun intellectual wit from "*the domed city of Wellesley*".

Peter mostly enjoyed the AM mode on ham radio using a Collins 32V2, 75A4 and R390A some of this gear was his father's who was an avid listener and weather buff. A few years ago Peter upgraded to a solid-state transmitter, but continued to enjoy the old gear. I enjoyed visiting and working him on AM.

Peter enjoyed our club (not too many complaints about my editing!), and visited many of our Field days.



Peter with his Heathkit DX-60 transmitter Field Day

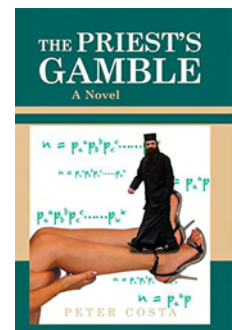
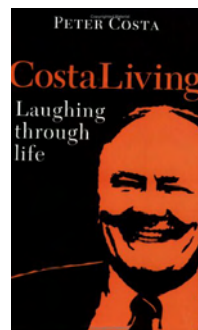


On the cover of Electric Radio magazine!

Peter graduated from the University of Maine (Phi Beta Kappa) in Anthropology, and obtained his masters in journalism at the University of California Berkeley.

Professionally, Peter used his skills in a variety of dynamic jobs, such as writing for Fidelity Investments for ten years, also ten years at UPI in NYC editing news stories. As a print journalist for Gatehouse Media, he wrote a syndicated column called *Costa Living* that appeared in newspapers across the country and was also editor for the Westford Eagle. He even edited *Popular Electronics* magazine for a short time. In-between cups of coffee, he wrote books commenting on daily life, interviewing Harvard scholars and dabbled in fiction. In 2011 he noted in an article:

*"What I have learned over the years is that whether you are writing a thank-you note or a chapter in a novel, it really helps to have something you are burning to say. Otherwise, you just have to wait for the boulders to roll away before you can, like Hendrix, kiss the sky."*



God Bless and Rest In Peace Peter!

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