Services set for longtime local radio announcer

(KNZA)--Services have been set for longtime KNZA/KMZA radio announcer L.J. Trant.

Trant, of Everest, died unexpectedly Thursday evening at the Hiawatha Community Hospital at the age of 62.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, May 2 at 1 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center, in Hiawatha.

The Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, in Hiawatha, is in charge of the arrangements.

Trant served as the morning show host and program director for KNZA/KMZA radio for 32 years. He was also a familiar voice on other stations within the MSC Radio group, including KAIR 93.7, in Atchison, and Sunny 101.3, in Falls City.

Over the years, he earned numerous awards through the Kansas Association of Broadcaster's, including four first place awards in categories from news reporting to commercial advertising.

Trant began his career in broadcasting after graduating from Hutchison Community College.

His voice was an on air presence for several years with multiple farm station owner and agriculture broadcaster Larry Steckline in southern and western Kansas, and enjoyed doing the morning show at station WNAD/WWLS 640 AM, in the Oklahoma City market. Trant also worked in Salina and Pratt, Kansas before starting his long career at Kanzaland Radio in July 1987.

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