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## Rasmus Sørnes Has Died

Rasmus Sørnes has died at the age of 73. A week ago, while visiting Jeløy Radio, he suffered a cerebral haemorrhage and was taken to Moss Hospital, where he died during the night.

Editor Jul Sundsvik wrote an extensive article about Rasmus Sørnes in our Christmas issue, describing the farmer's son from Sola who trained as an electrician and joined the Telegraph Administration, where his knowledge and abilities soon made it clear to everyone that he was a rare and remarkable man.

Sørnes was first employed at Stavanger Radio and later at Jeløy Radio as a technician and instrument maker. His contributions to the Telegraph Administration were of a quality far beyond what his positions called for. He solved difficult theoretical and practical problems in his field and placed all his work at the disposal of the government authorities, without ever asking for or even considering any corresponding compensation. He also fulfilled his duties with exemplary conscientiousness and loyalty.

Rasmus Sørnes was a remarkable man.

He had a talent for science and transformed the results of research into practical applications. Through independent study, he mastered several natural sciences, particularly higher theoretical mathematics, mechanics and astronomy. He applied some of his astronomical knowledge in clocks of such refinement and quality that nothing comparable exists, and which have attracted international attention.

Sørnes retired in 1958 to devote himself entirely to his personal interests. His mechanical creations were certainly not inferior to the latest and most advanced discoveries in astronomy and other branches of natural science, obtained from outer space with the aid of astronauts.

Everyone who knew Rasmus Sørnes was aware that he was an extraordinary man. Few realised just how extensive his knowledge and abilities really were. Rasmus Sørnes was far more than the resourceful man who could make an ordinary clock run and who was always ready to lend a helping hand whenever a technical problem needed solving.

He lived modestly, but his was a rich life, filled with all that he knew and all that he demonstrated through his knowledge, his work, and his love and care for those dear to him.

Rasmus Sørnes is survived by his wife, Gunhild, née Kvæven. They had six children, five of whom are still living.

## Photo captions

Rasmus Sørnes.