

# In Memoriam:

## Wiley Schmidt



Retired KGO-TV Art Director **Wiley Schmidt** (*Silver Circle Class of 1994*) passed away Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at the age of 75 years.

"For those of us who worked with Wiley we will always remember a great guy who was committed to his family, friends and to his work. He was the winner of numerous awards for set design and was well known nationally

for his involvement in the Broadcast Designers Association. For a number of years in the 1980s, Wiley was the captain of the Channel 7 Softball Team. He was also an Emmy® Award winner, and a member of the NATAS *Silver Circle*." – **Greg Gusso**

"I remember Wiley well from the KGO softball team. We were terrible, yet Wiley played every game like it was his last. He pitched and I helped coach and played shortstop. **Harry Fuller, Joey Smith, Mitch Kim, Richard Ho, Bob Young** all played. Wiley was one of a kind—temperamental and intimidating, but talented and had a heart of gold. I smile when I think of him." - **Rob Weiss**

"Talk about a Golden Ager of TV News' Golden Age: Wiley. He was an enormous personality and a super fun guy. Few folks had more of a hand in making work fun, enjoyable and joyous. The Christmas parties were legendary, and he was a legend of them. Rest well Wiley." – **Tom Vacar**

"Truly a great guy and a great television professional. Wiley and his wife **Susan** had moved (I believe) up into the Sierra Foothills after he retired." - **John Odell**

At the family's request there will be no services.



CLASS of '94: **LUIS ECHEGOYEN**, Anchor, KDTV; **ROGER GRIMSBY\***, Anchor, KGO; **DENNIS RICHMOND**, Anchor, KTVU; **JAN MOELLERING**, Production Coordinator, KNTV; **PAT McCORMICK**, Host/Weathercaster, KTVU; **RON WREN**, Wren Advertising; **WILEY SCHMIDT\***, Art Director, KGO; **HOWARD HARDEN\***, Director, KGO. (\*deceased)

## Tony Torrano



San Mateo resident **Anthony "Tony" Frank Torrano** (October 30, 1951 - June 11, 2011) passed away after an 8 year battle with cancer at the age of 59. A native of San Francisco, Tony was a News Cameraman for KRON TV for 26 years.

Tony was the dearly beloved husband of **Sharon**

for 37 years. He was the devoted father of **Jennifer Ann Torrano** and **Joseph Michael Torrano**.

"He really was special. Days that I was shooting and found out I'd be with Tony were good moments — it was like climbing into the car with one of my brothers. He was always such a calming influence. I'm saddest for the family he leaves behind. And wonderful to see that his KRON family is circling the wagons...." – **Susan Blake**

"Tony was such a favorite! His smile was so warm, and his sense of humor so naughty. I always remember the dynamic duo, Tony and Walt, walking through the newsroom cracking jokes. I hope his family gets to read how much we loved him." – **Rosemary Wesela**

"Tony Torrano was a great man and a great shooter and I loved going out on stories with him because he made us all laugh even when the chips were down and the news was bad. I remember one time Tony set up a live shot by running cables from the parking garage at SFO into the terminal, up stairs through some "Do Not Enter" doors to the USO where they hid behind a Coca Cola machine to get shots of a plane that was hijacked. No other TV crews got close. It was an honor to work with him." – **Jeannine Yeomans**

"As a producer I loved going out with Tony because I knew that if I forgot to ask a particular question, or I was missing a key element to the story (and that happened more than I care to remember) Tony was always there with a helpful prompt or a great suggestion. And he always made the people I was interviewing feel relaxed and at ease. He was a true gent. And a sweet soul. And he had a wicked sense of humour." – **Kevin McCormack**

"Hey!!" the Tommy's Joint bartender would shout to us in the booth as he held a phone over his head. "(Tom) Newton says your lunch was over half hour ago!" Of course, Newton was no stranger to Tommy's either but, he was smart. He knew exactly where to find the Van 9 crew." – **Don Ford**