

Ten years ago this month, **Doug Murphy** passed away. He was one of KPIX's most beloved anchors and reporters. Bay Area viewers loved him. And, naturally, his friends and colleagues at San Francisco's CBS station loved him even more.

For more than 20 years, Murphy was one of KPIX's best utility players. He was the longtime *Eyewitness News* weekend evening anchor for the station, but he also pinch-hit on the anchor desk for friends and colleagues like **Dave McElhatton, Wendy Tokuda** and **Kate Kelly**. Murphy just didn't sit behind the anchor desk. He also reported from the newsroom and

in the field, and he did it all extremely well.

He also anchored sports for a spell, and also served as a weatherman. Yes, he did it all.

Murphy, who was inducted into the *Silver Circle* of the San Francisco/Northern California Chapter of The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences in 2004, joined KPIX in 1982, staying on for 23 years until leaving in the summer of 2005.

"Murph", as many of his friends and colleagues called him, was serious about his work. But, behind the scenes, between commercials and in the newsroom, Murphy's sense of humor made everyone laugh.

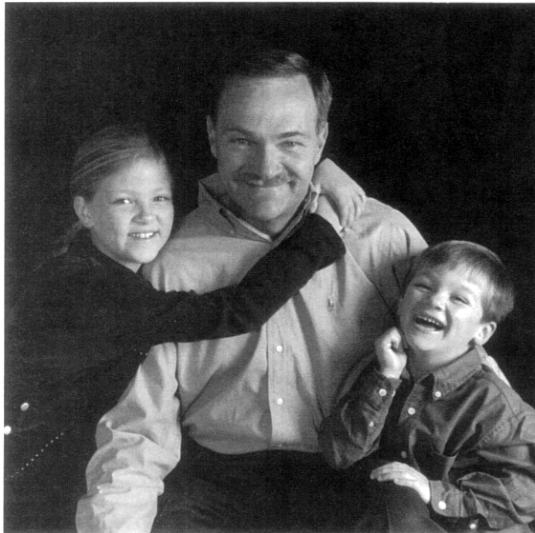
An Ohio native, Murphy was born in Columbus. Graduating from Ohio State University in 1975, he was born to be in broadcasting. Four of his uncles were sportscasters, and Murphy once worked doing color commentary for Ohio State University games. Before moving to the Bay Area, he was a sports anchor at WBNS in Columbus and KTRK in Houston.

While he was KPIX's longtime weekend anchor, Murphy was also known around the station as an enthusiastic reporter. He was the master of live shots. From breaking news reports to live Bay to Breakers race updates, he did them outstandingly.

In the 1980s, when **Mikhail Gorbachev** and his wife, **Raisa**, made their first visit to San Francisco, Murphy got the only interview by shouting, "How are you liking San Francisco?" at the couple.

Murphy was beloved so much by his friends and colleagues at KPIX that when they learned, in December 2005, that he had died tragically in a fire at his Lafayette home, everyone dropped what they were doing to come into work to mourn his passing as a family and to report the news of his death.





At the time of his death, Murphy was survived by a daughter, **Maddie**, and a son, **Jack**. Following Murphy's passing, co-anchor **Juliette Goodrich** expressed how much Murphy loved his children. She said he always tried to phone his kids every night before the news started, to say goodnight to them before going on the air.

This month, we honor Doug Murphy. An accomplished television journalist and broadcaster, a good father to his children, and a good friend to everyone. He is not forgotten.

**The January 2016 edition of *Gold & Silver Circle Profiles* begins the series' 10th year in *Off Camera*. Next month, we feature Lee Mendelson, a 1988 *Silver Circle* inductee and a 2015 *Gold Circle* inductee. Lee has been the Bay Area-based executive producer of the *Peanuts* specials for network television since 1965. You might have seen his latest TV special, *It's Your 50th Christmas, Charlie Brown!*, broadcast on ABC Nov. 30. More on Lee in January.**

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## *On the Move*

**Tony Kovaleski**, chief investigative reporter at KNTV in San Jose, rejoins KMGH in Denver in a dual role: as an investigative journalist and as corporate trainer for Scripps' investigative reporters nationwide. Kovaleski left KMGH in 2012 to join KNTV.

**Eric Rasmussen**, former investigative reporter at KTVU in Oakland, has joined WFXT in Boston as an investigative reporter. Rasmussen's first day was Nov. 30.

**Paulina Bucka**, assignment editor at KPIX in San Francisco, joins KHSL/KNVN in Chico as a general assignment reporter.

**Andrew Pereira**, investigative journalist at KITV in Honolulu, has joined the communications team in the City Hall office of Honolulu Mayor **Kirk Caldwell**. Pereira, whose began his new job Dec. 1, also worked at KHON and KHNL earlier in his TV career.