

In Memoriam:



Don Curran

Don B. Curran Broadcasting Legend, member of the NATAS *Silver Circle* class of 1988. Don passed away suddenly on May 26 after a brief illness at the age of 82. Born in Oklahoma City to the late, **Robert** and **Olivia Curran**, he was a product of Oklahoma University.

Don's first job in broadcasting was an announcer on a radio station in Norma, Oklahoma. After servicing in the U.S.A.F., he returned to take a broadcasting job in Enid, Oklahoma. Curran fell in love with the communication business.

Don continued a career spanning over 30 years in broadcasting including such titles as V.P./General Manager of KGO radio and T.V. in San Francisco, WABC Radio in New York City, KABC-TV in Los Angeles all owned by ABC. In 1974,

Don was named President of Kaiser Broadcasting later to become Field Communications. Under his direction, the five Field Stations became the most profitable group of independent UHF stations in history of the broadcasting industry.

Don served two terms as President of the California Broadcasters Association in 1983; he was named winner of the California Broadcasters Outstanding Achievement Award.

He had been a long time member of the St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Novato serving on the finance committee and as chairman of the church council. Don is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, **Michaela (Mike)**; his three children- **Carole Victor (Chris)**, **Ann Demartini (Lou)**, **Mark (Kirsten)**; and five cherished grandchildren.

Don enjoyed his Thursday lunches with his buddies and his dinners with the "Dine at Nine" group. Among his many hobbies, he was an avid golfer and long time member/resident of the Marin Country Club community receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award in acknowledgement of outstanding service. Don was unselfish and generous to all. He was a wonderful and caring husband, father, grandfather, brother and devoted friend. Funeral service will be held at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Novato on Thursday, June the 2nd at 11 am followed by a reception. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to: Marin Humane Society or St. Anthony's Dining room in San Francisco or your favorite charity.



Darryl Hawks

By Ty Tagami & Christian Boone
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Darryl Hawks, former KNTV NBC Bay Area Sports-caster who was anchoring sports at WMAQ in Chicago died in his hotel room in Atlanta on May 12.

The Fulton County Medical Examiner said he'll need another two weeks to determine what caused the sudden death he was found unresponsive in his hotel room.

The initial phases of the postmortem exam revealed "no obvious cause of death," Chief Medical Examiner **Randy Hanzlick** said on May 13. Additional procedures, such as microscopic examination of tissues and toxicology testing, will be employed over the next couple of weeks.

Foul play is not suspected, Sgt. **Curtis Davenport** of the Atlanta Police Department said Thursday.

Hawks, in Atlanta to cover the NBA playoff series between Atlanta and Chicago, was discovered around 9:30 a.m. after missing a wake-up call at the Omni Hotel adjacent to Philips Arena, according to police. He was rushed to Emory University Hospital Midtown, where doctors pronounced him dead.

Hawks, 38, was physically active and appeared to be in good health.

"When Darryl isn't covering sports, he's usually out playing them," according to his bio. The former semi-pro running back and Marine played pick-up basketball, football and had just taken up golf. And he was a member of the Mayor's Council on Fitness and Exercise while employed in Jacksonville.

The three-time Emmy® winner is survived by wife, **Sandy**, and two children.

"We are all stunned right now," said **Frank Whittaker**, Hawks' boss at WMAQ-TV in Chicago.

Bob Giomi

Robert Michael Giomi was a film cameraman at KGO in the 1970's and 1980's. He passed away on May 12. Born on MAY 16, 1952 the beloved son of Terri & Aldo Giomi of Alameda and brother of Kathy Giomi Johnson of San Ramon. Bob and his love of life will be terribly missed by family and friends.

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