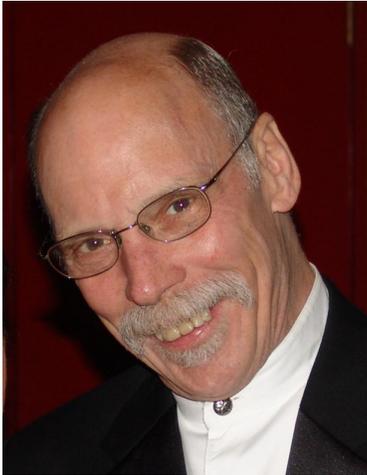


News Director Jim Sanders Dies

Served as News Chief At KNTV, KOVR and San Diego's KNSD

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Jim Sanders, the iconic news chief who led successful local TV news operations in the Bay Area, Sacramento and San Diego, has died.

Sanders was 68 when he died in San Diego in early September.

For five years -- from 2002 to 2007 -- he successfully led the news operation at KNTV in San Jose during a critically pivotal time for the station. The former, longtime ABC affiliate and independent station for San Jose (when it was once a part of the Salinas-Monterey television market) became an NBC owned-and-operated station for the Bay Area in 2002 after NBC ended a 52-year relationship with its former Bay Area affiliate, KRON in San Francisco.

Prior to joining KNTV in 2002, Sanders was news director at KNSD, the NBC station in San Diego, throughout much of the 1990s. Before his years in San Diego, Sanders was news director at KOVR in Sacramento.

Al Sturges, 81

Served as Program Director At S.F.'s KBHK-TV During Station's Early Years



Al Sturges

Al Sturges, a former executive at KBHK-TV in San Francisco during the early years of the station, has died.

Sturges passed away July 30 after a brief illness. He was born Albert B. Sturges, Jr., in San Francisco on Aug. 18, 1933. He attended Lincoln High School.

Inducted into the *Silver Circle* of the San Francisco/Northern California Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences in 1997, Sturges received a Bachelor of Arts degree from San Francisco State University in 1955, and in 1994 he earned a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of LaVerne in LaVerne, in southern California.

Sturges' entire career was in broadcasting, both radio and television, and is lasted more than 50 years. Besides his work at KBHK-TV, where he served as program director, Sturges also worked in Portland, Oregon and in Chicago. He also worked at radio stations in Petaluma, Santa Maria and Santa Barbara.

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Director Dies At 81*

In Santa Barbara, he held the position of general sales manager at KRUZ, and sales manager positions at KTMS/KHTY. In 1989, Sturges served as president of the

Santa Barbara Ad Club.

After retirement, Sturges taught business and management classes for the University of LaVerne and Allan Hancock College, including a business class at the Federal Penitentiary in Lompoc.

Sturges and his wife, **Dorothy**, relocated to Sun City in Palm Desert in 2003. He was an avid tennis player and was very proud that his Sun City team participated in the USTA 65-and-over Tennis Championship for 2014 and finished in second place for the Silver Medal.

Sturges is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Dorothy; daughter **Pamela Sturges Hirsch** and son-in-law **Rick Hirsch** of San Anselmo, CA; daughter **Kimberley Sturges Kludas** and son-in-law **Ron Kludas** of Fresno, CA; and four grandchildren: **Elizabeth, Ryan, Will** and **Jack**.

A memorial service will be held in Palm Desert this fall.

John Coney, 79

Public Television Pioneer; Was KQED Producer and Director, KVIE Program Director

John Coney, a producer who started his career in the early days of public television, died Aug. 7 in Seattle.

Coney was 79.

Coney's public broadcasting experience dates to 1956, when he began work at KQED in San Francisco as producer and director. Among the shows he produced was *David Littlejohn: Critic at Large*, a weekly survey of arts in the Bay Area.

He was program director at KVIE in Sacramento from 1974 to 1976. There, Coney created several local productions, including a weekly capital news program, *California Journal*, which aired on many California stations.

"I was John's first hire at KVIE, an all purpose, one-man production department," said **Alan Foster**, head of Executive Program Services, in an online remembrance. "We worked together on many ambitious production projects John was typically always dreaming up. He was probably my first true mentor in television and a good one - one thing was, you never wanted to disappoint him!"

In the early 1980s Coney was an executive producer at KCTS in Seattle for shows including *Hard Choices*, which examined how advances in medicine and technology made personal health decisions more complex.

Coney executive-produced several travel specials in the early 1990s for **Rick Steves**, now famous for his European travel series on public television. "John was