



Usher

Don Usher, 62, feature reporter, KOMO-TV and business feature reporter, KOMO(AM) Seattle, died of heart attack Jan. 6 at his home in Bainbridge Island, Wash. Usher began his broadcasting career in 1952 as radio and film public relations writer for GE in Washington. Several years later he joined KOMO-TV, working in various capacities on two programs, *Bashful*, *Barefoot Billy Lee Show* and *The Video Game*. He moved into advertising in 1960's. He got back into broadcasting in 1981 when he rejoined KOMO-TV as business and economics editor. He is survived by his wife, Delores, daughter, Julie, and three sons, Richard, Robert and Scott.



Gaither

Frank Gaither, 79, former executive vice president in charge of Cox Broadcasting Corp.'s broadcast division, Atlanta, died Jan. 10 of heart attack at Northside Hospital there. Gaither began his broadcasting career while studying at Oglethorpe University, Atlanta. He worked part-time at University's station, WJTL(AM). After serving in various capacities at stations in Savannah and Atlanta, both Georgia, he joined Cox-owned WSB(AM) Atlanta in 1946 as sales manager. He was named general manager of WSB twelve years later. After formation of Cox Broadcasting in 1964, he was named VP in charge of all CBC radio and television stations. He was named executive VP of broadcast division in 1969 and served in this capacity until his retirement in 1973. He was active in professional organizations, including serving two terms on NAB board, as member of NAB Standards of Good Practice Committee, as member of Radio Advertising Bureau, and on board of International Radio and Television Foundation. He is survived by his wife, Erna, three daughters, Beverly, Judy and Flo, and two stepdaughters, Ann and Nancy.



Bogle

Duane C. Bogle, 67, television producer and advertising executive, died of cancer Jan. 2 at Parkland Hospital, Dallas. He broke into television production during period of "Chicago School" at NBC, where he directed and produced *Kukla, Fran and Ollie*, *Garroway at Large* and *Stud's Place*. He was director and production supervisor of *Hallmark Hall of Fame* series when it began in 1951, and was connected to Hallmark account with Foote, Cone & Belding. During his 25 years with FC&B he served

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Two galleries have been named in honor of donors to the capital campaign of The Museum of Broadcasting in New York. The donors' gallery, to be located on the main floor, will be named for William and Carole Haber and will display plaques honoring major contributors to the capital campaign. William Haber is a founding partner of Creative Artists Agency, a talent agency.

The second floor gallery will be named The Eleanor and Donald Taffner International Gallery. The Taffner Gallery will be used to display artifacts from the history of broadcasting and will be changed on a regular basis. Donald Taffner is founder and chairman of D.L. Taffner/Ltd., New York.

Pictured (l-r): Robert M. Batscha, MOB president, holding an artist's rendition of the new building, with Eleanor and Donald Taffner.

in various capacities, including executive producer of *Hall of Fame* series and president of FBC Productions. In early 1980's he moved to California and taught broadcast courses part-time at University of California and California State University, both Los Angeles, while working as independent producer. From 1984 until his death, he divided his time between his homes in Connecticut and Dallas while teaching broadcast courses part-time at Southern Methodist University, Dallas. He is survived by his daughter, Susan, and three sons, Jim, Scott and Peter.

Richard S. Stephen, 64, vice president for programming, Eternal Word Television Network, Birmingham, Ala.-based Catholic cable network, died of rare disease Jan. 9 at his home in Birmingham. Stephen began his broadcasting career in 1956 as local sales manager for WBRC-TV Birmingham. He became general sales manager of WBRC-TV in 1963 and in 1980 was named VP and general manager. He joined Taft's Satellite News Service, Birmingham in 1983 and one year later joined ETWN. He is survived by his wife, Ellen, two daughters, Donna and Lisa, and three sons, Christopher, Paul and Richard Jr.

Jeff Alexander, 79, music composer for radio, television and film, died of cancer Dec. 23 at his home on Whidbey Island, Wash. He was music director for *Amos 'n' Andy* and *Hollywood Star Playhouse*. His other radio credits include composing music for *The Hit Parade*, *The Camel Hour* and *The Lucky Strike Show*. He also arranged music for television programs including *Columbo*, *Wagon Train* and *The Twilight Zone*. He is survived by his daughter, Jill.

Northern J. Calloway, 41, who played David, owner of Mr. Hooper's Store, on *Sesame Street* for 16 years, died Jan. 9 at Phelps Memorial Hospital, Ossining, N.Y. No cause of death has been determined. Calloway had been taken to hospital from psychiatric facility in Ossining, according to Children's Television Workshop spokeswoman. He appeared in role of David from 1973 to 1989 when he left show for "personal reasons." He is survived by his mother, Bunnetta Sleight, sister, Connie, and brother, Gregory.

Gordon Jackson, 66, actor who is best known to American audiences as Hudson, butler on Masterpiece Theatre's *Upstairs, Downstairs*, PBS, died Jan. 14 at hospital in London. Crowley played Hudson from 1970 to 1975. He also played police chief Cowly in British television series *The Professionals* from 1977 to 1981 and was in 1988 television movie, "Noble House." He won British Actor of Year award in 1974 and Emmy in 1976 for outstanding single performance by a supporting actor in a comedy or drama series for "The Beastly Hun" episode of *Upstairs, Downstairs*.

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