Jim Boyer was smart, funny, ironic and sardonic...and so funny.

It's with great sadness that we mourn him.

Jim managed television stations and news departments with a combination of class and competitiveness. He kept you on your toes or doubled over with laughter...sometimes at the same time. And he made you want to do everything better than you thought you could.

Over the years, many of you worked with Jim during his tenure as President and General Manager of KFOR/KAUT in Oklahoma City, WHO-TV in Des Moines and KATU in Portland, Oregon.

Jim was also an incredibly well-respected journalist, and he was at the helm as News Director at WWL-TV in New Orleans and KOMO in Seattle. He also worked at stations in Philadelphia, Baltimore and York, Pennsylvania.

Those who worked with Jim always spoke of his dedication and passion as well as being a strong and fair leader. Those of us who were lucky enough to call Jim a friend also remember his great sense of humor and kindness and his devotion to his family.

Jim battled esophageal cancer with the same determination that he put into every challenge. We are continuing that battle in his name. You are welcome to make a donation in his memory to The Esophageal Cancer Action Network at http://www.ecan.org/.

Jim is survived by his wife, Jan Allen, former VP/ Station Manager at KATU and cofounder of The NWT Group, his three children and two grandchildren.

There will be no formal funeral. Instead, Jim's family has a different request of his friends around the country. They hope you might take time to toast him and share the many stories of "Boyerisms" with colleagues who knew him and introduce him to those who did not. We think he'd like that and in that manner, Jim's legacy will continue.

At this time, we ask that you keep Jan and her family in your thoughts and prayers. She may be reached at:

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