

**DON BRADLEY, 73, (Don Burian), who started his broadcasting career 58 years ago, died October 16, 2018, of a heart attack.**

**According to his wife of 49 years, Connie, "Don was officially retired, but missed it terribly."**

**While he was 15, in high school, he worked part-time in radio. He attended Syracuse and worked at WCHN-AM. He left Syracuse, went into the U. S. Air Force for four years, and was stationed for a time in Brindisi, Italy.**

**While in and after the Air Force, he worked in Springfield, Massachusetts at WSPR-AM, where the general manager suggested he use the air name, 'Don Bradley.'**

**Don moved to Ft. Wayne, Indiana's WGL-AM, then to WIFE-AM in Indianapolis. He returned to Ft. Wayne to WLYV-AM. Next stop: Waterloo, Iowa's 50,000 watt WHO-AM. His final radio job was at WNAB-AM in Bridgeport, Connecticut. His TV news career began at WTNH Action News 8, in New Haven as Assignment Editor.**

**He moved on to WAND-TV, Decatur, Illinois; WLKY-TV in Louisville, Kentucky; KTUL-TV, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Next, it was back to WTNH as News Director; KTVI, St. Louis at KTVI; WHBQ-TV Memphis, Tennessee; WPTA-TV Fort Wayne; KCEN-TV, Waco, Texas; and finally, KAVU-TV, Victoria, Texas. Then he retired several years ago."**

**Connie said they had planned to move back to Ft. Wayne, where they had family. She is planning to have a memorial service for Don in November, in Ft. Wayne. Connie suggested making donations to the RTNDA or NABJ in Don's memory.**

**Kenn Venit, longtime broadcast journalist, consultant, and adjunct professor, worked as a colleague of Don's at WTNH, and later was his Primo Newservice consultant at WPTA and WHBQ. He noted, "Don was a consummate news person, valuing accuracy, fairness, and quality above all else. He was a tireless news director, always working long hours and helping to launch and/or improve many careers along the way. He and Connie were looking forward to their 50th anniversary in 2019. She said the outpouring of comments about Don via Facebook ([www.facebook.com/connie.burian](http://www.facebook.com/connie.burian)) has been wonderful, and are welcomed, noting some folks mention how he gave them their start or nurtured their careers."**

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