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In September of 1976, I walked into the Channel 2 newsroom to begin a new job answering phones on weekends. I was a student at Northwestern and had planned a career in radio. But I suddenly fell in love with all the behind-the-scenes jobs in a television newsroom. Things worked out. I've worked continuously in three Chicago TV newsrooms since then, the last 24+ years here at NBC 5. It's been a wonderful and fulfilling run.

It's time for a change, time to try something new. And so, I will be leaving NBC 5 at the end of the year.

I will leave here with memories of covering many big events in Chicago history. But most of all, I will leave with memories of all the people I've worked with in three Chicago newsrooms. Especially here. I am so proud of the team at NBC 5. We have a great newsroom. It has been my honor to work with each one of you.

Thank you all for an amazing ride.

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