Former television news director George Tyll died March 17 following a lengthy battle with cancer. He was 82.

After 30 years as a radio and television news and sports broadcaster and news executive in Columbus, Ohio; Memphis, Tennessee and Orlando, Tyll left broadcasting in 1997 when he bought Prestige Fence Company of Oviedo, Florida, near Orlando.

"I went from Brooks Bros suits and Bugatti ties to Dress-for-less at Ross," according to the Prestige website.

A native of Toledo, Ohio, Tyll studied broadcasting at Ohio University (Class of 1965) in Athens, where he and other undergraduates operated WOUB-AM, WOUB-FM and WOUB-TV. He served in the U.S. Army, with his last station of duty in Berlin in what was then West Germany. He was a staff sergeant and handled sports broadcasting there for Armed Forces Radio until his 1968 discharge.