My journey in television news began in 1984 at the station I grew up watching in Chattanooga. It seems like yesterday that I was filled with nervous excitement walking into a newsroom for the first time. Now, 42 years later, my days in TV are winding down. I will retire in June.

I owe so much to so many of you. I am deeply fortunate to have been nurtured by people who believed I had potential. I have tried my best to keep paying that forward over the 25 years I've served as a news director in Cincinnati, Columbus, Indianapolis and Nashville.

Life in a TV station is so unique and I am very thankful to everyone I worked with at WTVC, WBRC, WKRC, WBNS, WISH and WKRN. My time with you made me better and I will always be at your service.

I am especially grateful to my wonderful wife Janice. She has been my pillar of support for decades. I'm now looking forward to the time she and I will spend on the front porch watching sunsets.