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Subject: We Lost a Friend

I am sorry to report that WFIE News Director Joe Schlaerth passed away last night. His GM, Jay Hiett, sent a note to staff late last night, saying Joe's sudden death was apparently tied to an underlying health issue. Joe is survived by his wife, Vicki, and children.

I met Joe during the Raycom days and always benefitted from his kindness and positive energy. Please keep his family and staff in your prayers and be ready to support them over the coming days and weeks.

With sadness,
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