

# Channel 7 mourns loss of beloved colleague and friend, Jerry Tarrien

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(WXYZ) - It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of our beloved colleague and friend, Jerry Tarrien.

Jerry lost his courageous battle with cancer Tuesday morning.

Our entire Channel 7 family is terribly saddened by this news, and we extend our deepest sympathies to his family.

Jerry was an outstanding videographer and touched countless lives with his humor and kindness in his 35 years working here at the station.

He was instrumental to our team when it came to some of the biggest events including; Detroit's Auto Show, Woodward Dream Cruise, NCAA basketball tournaments, the Mackinac Policy Conference and so much more.

Jerry was an absolute joy to work with. We will all miss him very much.

**His daughter released the following message Tuesday morning:**

"Our hearts are shattered.

Dad passed away peacefully this morning at home. Details of the visitation and funeral will follow as arrangements are made.

Last night mom read all of your comments to Dad. He heard each and every one. Please know we felt your love, prayers and laughed and cried at the wonderful posts and stories. You not only lifted Dad up but Mom, Kelly and myself as well. We all felt so supported and loved. You each helped us get through this year and we thank you for sharing your stories and words of encouragement. We love you."