

Former WJBK-TV 2 anchor Joe Glover dies

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(Photo: WJBK)

Former WJBK-TV 2 lead anchor Dr. Joseph Lawrence Glover has died, according to WJBK-TV (Channel 2).

Glover, 79, died at home in Mobile, Alabama Friday morning from metastatic lung cancer, the news station reports (<http://www.fox2detroit.com/news/local-news/former-wjbk-tv-2-anchor-joe-glover-dies-at-79#>).

The award-winning reporter and lead anchor worked at TV 2 in the 1980s before WJBK changed its branding from "TV 2" to "Fox 2" in the fall of 1995. He signed off each broadcast with "That's all the news that fits."

Born in Delaware, he was the only child of Mary Boyd and grew up in Chelmsford Massachusetts. He attended Duke University for his first year of college, then went on to the University of Miami, where he worked his way through college as an overnight radio announcer and graduated with a degree in broadcast journalism. After college, he was drafted into the army and served at the end of the Korean War.

"He enjoyed a long and distinguished career as a TV news reporter and anchor, bringing great dignity, professionalism, and humanity to his work," his daughter, Tracey Glover, posted on Facebook. "He was a black belt in karate, a skydiver, a scuba diver, tennis player, and runner. He traveled the world for work and for pleasure. He was an amateur pilot. He liked good wine, and contemplating the cosmos. He had a dry sense of humor, an existential curiosity, a great tenderness and gentleness towards all living creatures, a deep sensitivity to the world, and he was the best dad ever."

For many years he hosted the Muscular Dystrophy telethon in Detroit. After retiring from broadcasting, he returned to school pursuing a PhD at the University of Florida to teach journalism. He later became a professor at the University of South Alabama where he taught broadcast and then retired in the fall of 2017, she said.

"He was a tremendous colleague and friend," former co-worker FOX 2 anchor Huel Perkins told the station.

