

Resolution Adopted at
The NewsGuild-CWA Sector Conference
Jan. 27, 2019

In Memoriam

January 2019

We honor members of The NewsGuild-CWA who have died since the 2017 Sector Conference:

Kerry Kohring

Kerry was a true gentle man, a friend to many, union leader and activist both within the Guild and in his community, where a park has been named for him as a lasting memorial.

Kerry was an army medic in Korea from 1968-1969. In January of 1969, he started graduate school at The University of Missouri-Columbia, receiving his Masters in Journalism in 1971.

He landed at The Providence Journal in 1974 and soon became an integral part of the Providence, RI, Newspaper Guild, serving in many roles at local and regional levels as well as on the front lines in negotiations and disputes.

When he died of a heart attack Dec. 3, 2017, at 73, he was president of the Retirees Chapter in Providence, which he established. He was vice-president and communications coordinator of the Summit Neighborhood Association and volunteered at Miriam Hospital as a patient ambassador.

He kept the faith that hard work could make things better and proved it by his own diligence.

His son, Mathias, posted on Facebook: "My father was an unyielding optimist and always loved to comfort people by saying 'All will be well.' He just never told you how long that would take."

Jerry Minkkinen

Jerry was the epitome of a Guild leader.

Facebook posts after news of his passing in April emerged told the story: Tough negotiator. Mentor. Friend. Smart. Fiery. Teacher. Witty. Funny. A great union man.

Jerry served as administrative officer of the Chicago Newspaper Guild from 1976 until he retired in 2008.

He was known for running a bottom-up local, where members make the decisions — in true Guild fashion. He was smart, persistent and persuasive at the bargaining table and steadfast in defending members' contractual rights. Jerry also coached and encouraged dozens of new Guild activists, whether in his local or not.

He died of esophageal cancer at his home in suburban Chicago at the age of 73.

Frank J. Santafede

Frank was a Guild Service Award winner as president of the Providence, RI, Newspaper Guild from 1989 to 1997 and went on to a second career as administrator of the Philadelphia Newspaper Guild from 1997 to 2008.

He graduated from St. Anthony's College in New York with a B.A. in theology and served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War, where he earned a bronze star and achieved the rank of captain.

Prior to the Providence Journal, where he worked 23 years, he stopped at newspapers in Texas and throughout New England.

In April 1995, the International Executive Board awarded him the Guild's top honor for, in part, leading the local's "most difficult round of bargaining in 20 years." Frank also was instrumental in organizing The Newspaper Guild at the Worcester, Mass., Telegram & Gazette, and worked as an on-call organizer.

He died Nov. 15, 2017, at the age of 80, following a brief illness, after a life TNG President Bernie Lunzer said, "made a huge difference in the lives of the Guild members he touched."

Northeast Ohio Newspaper Guild, Local 1

Cleveland Plain Dealer unit

Bill Lammers

John Gruner

Frank Betanyou

Pat McCubbin

Canton Repository/Massillon Independent unit

Phil Corley

Russ Clark

Bob Stewart (first Guild unit chairperson at The Repository)

Bill Duell
Lori Kendall
Kathy Parks

Akron Beacon Journal unit
Bill Canterbury (a former unit chairperson)
Paul Tople (photographer who was part of several Pulitzer Prizes)
Oren Dorrell

Former Catholic Universe Bulletin unit (Cleveland diocese)
Joe Kaczmarek (former unit chairperson)

Former Cleveland Press unit
Paul Tepley

From IAPE TNG/CWA Local 1096:

Jenny Roth
Interactive News Writer
Wall Street Journal, Real-Time Desk

New York Local 31003

Marie Morreale and Matt Friedman from Scholastic

Judy Ferbel from Time Inc./Fortune
Drazen Miskulin, Consumer Reports
Bernard Gomes, Consumer Reports
Nilda Adel, Consumer Reports

NY TIMES:

THOMPSON	GORDON	1/9/17
KUBIK	JULIUS	1/17/17
ONEILL	ALBERT	1/19/17
STEIDEL	EDWARD	1/28/17
LENZO	JEANINE	2/10/17
KING	WAYNE	2/17/17
MAURENCY	DEJACQMAR	2/19/17
DUFFY	GERARD	2/23/17
BRADFORD	GARY	2/28/17
HAMMOND	WILLIAM	3/2/17
CERVINO	ROSE	3/3/17
MEEHAN JR	EDWARD	3/4/17

TETTO	FRANK	3/5/17
DANNER	RUTH	3/10/17
HERBERS	JOHN	3/17/17
JOHNSTON	KENNETH	3/22/17
ROBBINS	WILLIAM	3/24/17
GUCKER	JOHN	4/26/17
BROWN	CHARLES	4/30/17
BLUMENTHAL	MITCHELL	5/11/17
KNOWLES	CAROLYN	5/15/17
SIMMONS	CHARLES	6/1/17
MCPMAHON	JAMES	6/10/17
HOGAN JR	WILLIAM	6/14/17
BOELLER	OTTMAR	7/18/17
MORRIS	JOHN	7/28/17
SCHONTHAL	MARIE	7/28/17
CLARK	CHARLES	8/17/17
GRANDISON JONES	BARBARA	8/17/17
DELAFUENTE	CHARLES	8/18/17
HEVESI	DENNIS	9/5/17
CUMBERBATCH	VIRGINIA	9/26/17
LAMPANO-SABINO	ERIK	9/30/17
BLAKE	EVELYN	10/21/17
HAMER	MARY	11/18/17
NOBLE	HOLCOMB	11/26/17
DANITI	WILLIAM	12/10/17
REED	ROY	12/10/17
TIRRELL	HARRY	12/10/17
LUCCI	DEBORAH	12/13/17
POWERS	RICHARD	12/15/17
ELDER	JANET	12/20/17
SAVERCOOL	JACK	12/27/17
CAROSELLA	PETER	1/10/18
LABOW	RUTH	1/10/18
MORRIS	BERNADINE	1/12/18
BON	ALENKA	1/15/18
DORIS	MICHAEL	1/18/18
VELLONE	JOSEPH	2/12/18
FARNOS	JOAQUIN	2/19/18
BORDERS	WILLIAM	2/28/18
SATTERWHITE	CAROL	3/4/18
STEIER	HERBERT	3/12/18
DLUGOZIMA	HENRY	3/15/18
HOOBER	AURORA	3/18/18

STATMAN	ALBERT	3/24/18
TABB	OLIVER	3/26/18
WIGNES	CHRISTIAN	4/19/18
ATHAS	JAMES	4/20/18
RAFTERY	WILLIAM	4/27/18
SMITH	MYRA	4/27/18
SHATRAW	KAY	4/29/18
KEMERSON	ALBERT	5/2/18
WALKER	MARJORIE	5/2/18
VANN	ROBERT	5/3/18
FELTON	KENNETH	5/23/18
FERRARO	ANNA	6/7/18
KAPPES	FLORENCE	6/10/18
OCONNOR	LESTER	6/25/18
CENTRELLO	RICHARD	6/26/18
NAMON	JUNE	7/1/18
CHAMBERS	MARCIA	7/13/18
GAL	HAROLD	7/15/18
PACE	ERIC	7/15/18
LOWENTHAL	ZVI	8/3/18
BARZILAY	ROBERT	8/28/18
CRENSHAW	MARY	9/8/18
CLYMER	ADAM	9/10/18
TELTSCH	KATHLEEN	9/10/18
WASHINGTON	RUBY	9/12/18
SIPKO	WILLIAM	9/18/18
ANDERSON	DAVID	10/4/18
TRIVELLI	MARY LOU	10/26/18
WILLIAMS	BENNIE	10/28/18
LITSKY	FRANKLYN	10/30/18
HUNT	JAMES	11/6/18
LEHMANN-HAUPT	CHRIS	11/7/18
GREENE	DAVID	11/11/18
DELUCIA	VITO	11/16/18
KENNEDY	EDWARD	11/21/18
COLON	CARLOS	11/22/18
MORGAN	JAMES	12/15/18

Local 33225 UPAGRA,

We want to honor one of our past presidents and Union Officer for many years Mr. Charlie Ramis. He passed away on November 20, 2018. He was a US Forces Veteran and a fighter in the workers cause.

Also Keylla Hernandez a WAPA Reporter loved by everyone. She passed away on December 31, 2018.

Boston Newspaper Guild, Local 30245.

Bruce Larson, Longtime Patriot Ledger copy editor, Patriot Ledger Newsroom Association

CFI Local 39000 - Marcelino Ines, Jr

Chicago, Local 34071

Jerry Minkkinen

Minnesota Local 37002

Ann Wilhelmy, Minneapolis Star Tribune and former president of the MN Guild
Rachel Chazin, Minneapolis Star Tribune
Kristin Tillotson, Minneapolis Star Tribune
Nick Coleman, Minneapolis Star Tribune
Al Sicherman, Minneapolis Star Tribune
Martha Allen, Minneapolis Star Tribune
Clifford Gagner, Duluth News Tribune

Dayton Local 34157

Gail Latham

Providence Newspaper Guild Local 31041

Dave Bryant/Brockton Unit
Kathy Jones/Brockton Unit
Kathy Shaw/Worcester Union

Washington – Baltimore Newspaper Guild Local 32035

Ken May

Ken May, a former Guild unit chair, steward, and activist of many, many years at Bloomberg BNA passed away suddenly one year ago, on January 31, 2018. Ken was a beloved co-worker with an infectious laugh and a true asset to the Guild.

Ken served the Washington Baltimore News Guild as treasurer and at-large delegate to the executive council for many years. The local appreciated Ken's service so much that we honored him with the Connie Knox Lifetime Service Award. We could always count on Ken for wise counsel. He had a way of identifying the way forward and uniting the other delegates in following him. Yet, always putting the members first, Ken never sought credit for his leadership.

Ken always advanced the mission, not himself. He also was a wealth of historical knowledge about the BBNA unit, the local, the labor movement, and American politics.

Ken's expertise was crucial to us at Bloomberg BNA. When he retired, we knew we would miss him sorely at the next contract bargaining. But no one expected that he wouldn't be around for advice and support. In addition, many of us learned how to handle grievances and represent our colleagues under Ken's guidance.

Lisa A. McGowan, 11/30/18, SC
James Cara, 10/26/17, Local 500
Kathleen A. Haywood, 1/19/15, UFCW