

Funeral services set for former TV anchor John Kelly

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Funeral service arrangements have been released for Detroit TV royalty John Kelly, the former WXYZ (Channel 7) anchor who died Saturday at age 88 ([/story/news/local/michigan/2016/09/19/family-former-tv-anchor-kellys-life-celebration/90686868/](http://story/news/local/michigan/2016/09/19/family-former-tv-anchor-kellys-life-celebration/90686868/)).

Kelly's family will accept visitors from 2-8 p.m. Monday at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home at 1139 N. Inkster in Garden City, according to the funeral home.

He will lie in state at 10 a.m. Tuesday, followed by an 11 a.m. funeral service at Franklin Community Church at 26525 Wellington in Franklin.

Kelly got his Detroit start as a newscaster at WJBK (Channel 2) — now Fox 2 — in August of 1965.

In the mid '70s, he was hired away by WXYZ along with co-anchor Jac LeGoff and weather caster Marilyn Turner. Kelly married Turner in 1974, according to family.

Kelly and Turner hosted a morning TV variety show called "Kelly and Company" and another called "Good Afternoon, Detroit."

The morning show ended a 17-year run in 1995. Kelly was on the air until the mid to late '90s, according to friend and former colleague Jerry Hodak.

Kelly's stepson earlier this week told The Detroit News that Kelly wanted his life celebrated ([/story/news/local/michigan/2016/09/19/family-former-tv-anchor-kellys-life-celebration/90686868/](http://story/news/local/michigan/2016/09/19/family-former-tv-anchor-kellys-life-celebration/90686868/)) after his death.

"I'll tell you one thing, the one thing that he would want," stepson Dean Turner said Monday. "He always said 'I was here, I had a great run, I had fun, and when I pass, I want it to be a celebration.' He had the old Irish in him and he was always talking about how his life was blessed, and when he passed, he wanted everyone to have a drink and have a celebration."

Kelly's family suggests memorials be made to the Michigan Humane Society.

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