

Longtime WKDD host Matt Patrick dies in Texas

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Former longtime WKDD FM/98.1 morning show host Matt Patrick has died. He was 58 years old.

Patrick passed away Sunday in Texas, where he had hosted the morning show on Houston's KTRH 740 AM since 2011. His death came just days after making an on-air announcement that he had exhausted all options and would stop treatment for the esophageal cancer he's battled for two years.

"There will be no more fighting, there will be no more going back to the hospital. It'll be up to God, whatever God decides to do that's what I will do," he told listeners on July 5. "I also understand that because of that I have to take the high road, I have to say this is what we're going to do. If this works that's great but if it doesn't work and at some point it won't then I'll just say you know thank you for everything."

"Matt, a two-time Radio and Television Broadcasters Hall of Fame inductee, a true conservative, spent more than three decades on the radio, sharing so much with millions across the country" KTRH posted in a statement on its website. "As a veteran of radio, he delivered award-winning broadcasts year after year that embody the very foundation on which our country was founded."

Patrick spent over 30 years on the radio in Northeast Ohio, most of that time at Akron's top-rated WKDD. He also had stints at Akron's WHLO AM/640 and WTAM AM/1100 in Cleveland.

"So very sorry to hear Matt Patrick passed away Sunday afternoon," WKDD's morning host Keith Kennedy wrote on Facebook. "He was a gifted performer on the radio but most importantly a father, friend and husband. The WKDD family sends our best to his family. Thanks for the memories ... the world won't be the same."

Patrick is survived by his wife, Paula, and three children, Jake, Alexandra and Alanna.

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