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Richard Mertz, a well-respected and nationally recognized broadcast engineering expert, and a leading authority on the TV Rebanding NPRM, finally succumbed at his home on October 29th to the pancreatic cancer he had been fighting for two years. His wife and sons were by his side. He was 65.



Richard Mertz
July 15, 1948 – October 29, 2013

Richard Mertz put 40 years of hard work into the broadcast engineering business, and sorry to report his death yesterday of pancreatic cancer.

After schooling, Mertz worked for Jefferson-Pilot Broadcasting in Charlotte, NC (WBT/WBCY) and Atlanta, GA (WQXI AM/FM), and NBC (WRC) in Washington, DC. United Broadcasting Company hired him as director of engineering. He then moved into the world of consulting work, becoming a staff engineer and project manager at Jules Cohen & Associates. In 1994 he formed a consulting firm, now Cavell-Mertz, with his friend, Garrison (Gary) Cavell.

Mertz served on several industry panels and presented technical papers at broadcast conventions here and in Europe (IBC). His company web page notes the wide range of areas in which he specialized: from AM stereo to multiple ownership to microprocessor systems to RF exposure protection and other services to help his clients.

His partner, Cavell, says Richard is now at peace, but truly will be missed by his friends, clients, and colleagues.

Mertz is survived by his wife, Patricia, and two sons. The memorial service was scheduled for Sunday, November 3, at 1 PM

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