



Douglas Edward Sefton

July 9, 1930 - April 3, 2018

Longtime CBS News correspondent and producer Doug Sefton died peacefully on April 3 at his home in St. Michaels, MD.

He is survived by his beloved wife of forty years, Elaine Sahm Doherty; his children, Julia Cason (Richard), John Sefton (Kim), Brian Sefton and Peter Sefton (Linda); eight grandchildren, Amy, William, Joseph, Marie, Peter, Jennifer, Elizabeth and Douglas; three step-grandchildren, Kate, Molly and Nickolas; brother, Ronald Sefton of Chesapeake, VA; and nieces and nephews.

He was born in Greenwich Village, New York City, on July 9, 1930, to parents Dorothy Donohue and Douglas Sefton. He graduated from St. Margaret Mary and Cardinal Hays High School in the Bronx, NY, and City College of New York.

During his career as a CBS News correspondent he covered domestic and overseas crises, wars, unrest and politics while based in New York, Beirut, Johannesburg, Cairo, Bonn, London, and Dallas. He was an Emmy Award winner, a fearless reporter, a wonderful colleague, and an old school journalist, who covered most of the major overseas conflicts since 1971.

His many reports included - Northern Ireland, Bosnian War, South Africa

apartheid, Rhodesian War, Beirut Civil War, Israeli invasion of Lebanon, Persian Gulf War, Iranian-Iraq War, Syrian missiles in Lebanon, Poland martial law, Saddam Hussein gas attack on Halabja, Kurdistan, Camp David/Carter, Sadat, Begin peace talks, Marcos leaves Philippines, Haiti unrest, Shah of Iran leaves Iran, the Tragedy of Pan of Flight Pan Am 103, Russians in Afghanistan, and CBS News coverage of Campaign '72 and Campaign '74.

He joined CBS News in 1971 as a producer on the CBS Morning News. Prior to that he worked for 12 years as a reporter, assistant city editor, and special feature writer for 'Eye on New York' at the New York Daily News. In 1968, he was a correspondent for a CBS owned New York City television station WCBS-TV.

Retiring in 1996 to the Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake Bay, he continued a life-long love of painting. His award winning work was in museums in the Mid-Atlantic and represented by galleries in Easton and Annapolis.

He was predeceased by his parents; a sister, Dorothy D'Imperio; and a grandson, Andrew Yuan Hang Sefton.

Services were private. Funeral arrangements were by Fellows, Helfenbien & Newnam Funeral Home, in Easton, Maryland.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory can be made to Talbot Hospice, 586 Cynwood Drive, Easton, MD 21601 or a charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Douglas Edward Sefton*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Douglas Edward Sefton*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Douglas Edward Sefton*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Doug lived a full life. So glad to hear of his finding peace and calm in his painting after his departure from CBS News - where peace and calm were not the descriptives that first come to mind. Doug, however, was reliably the calm voice there. His paintings are beautiful. Rest in peace Doug. Rest in peace.*

Nancy Conk - April 25, 2018 at 12:58 PM



“ *Our prayers are with you and your family.*
Mike & Flo Hemming

Flo Hemming - April 16, 2018 at 08:15 PM

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“*Doug was a reporter’s reporter , a consummate newsman and a super consummate NewYorker, who toiled long and hard at the NY Daily News and at CBS News in the 1970s, when we worked for what we considered the top of the top in broadcast journalism. Most of all I remember Doug’s wry sense of humor.*

chris kelley - April 15, 2018 at 01:39 PM

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“*Had the honor of working with Doug when he was a local reporter at WCBS-TV and later when he was a CBS News legend. Great honest ethical journalist in the Murrow tradition. Always thoughtful about what he did and an inspiration to those of us who learned from him. Most importantly, a wonderful human being who always cared about others.*

eric ober - April 15, 2018 at 12:20 PM