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RADIO GIANT, FORMER NEW MEXICO BROADCASTER OF THE YEAR DIES

Chuck Hammond also served as Chairman of the NMBA

Beloved New Mexico broadcaster, Chuck Hammond, died today at his home in Albuquerque surrounded by his family after a fierce battle with cancer. Chuck was in broadcasting for more than 40 years, including time in Kansas, Phoenix, Tampa and finally Albuquerque, where he oversaw two dozen stations across the state as the Regional Market Manager of New Mexico iHeart stations from 2003 until he retired in 2018.

Chuck was a natural leader and a world-class manager. Chuck also served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the New Mexico Broadcasters Association from 2016-2018.

“We will miss Chuck. He was a good broadcaster, but most of all he was a good husband, father and grandfather,” said NMBA executive director, Paula Maes. “Our hearts are broken.”

Former competitor, Milt McConnell told the NMBA that “Chuck certainly left a positive mark on New Mexico Broadcasting and will be missed.”

