

Henry Kinney

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Henry Kinney, journalist and community leader

Henry Kinney, an award-winning journalist and community leader who both chronicled and participated in the growth of Fort Lauderdale since the 1950s, died Sunday. He was 69.

A free-lance writer and public relations consultant following a career as a daily journalist, Mr. Kinney wrote the weekly Man About Town column for *Shoreline* magazine in the *Fort Lauderdale News* and *Sun-Sentinel* from the magazine's inception in October 1978. He was a frequent contributor to several other South Florida magazines and journals as well.

Mr. Kinney also was involved in numerous community organizations, including several citizens advisory groups. He was a founding trustee for Nova University.

"He just believed in the community and the people in the community," said Winifred Baker Kinney, his wife of 33 years with whom he raised a daughter, Blaine.

"After we were away for about five days on vacation, he would get anxious to get back and find out what was going on. He was basically a very, very dedicated man."



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Mr. Kinney came to South Florida from his native Hinton, W.Va., in 1944 and worked at newspapers in Miami before joining the *Fort Lauderdale News* as a staff writer in 1950. In two years at the paper, he won several awards, including one from the Associated Press for his reporting on the Kefauver Senate crime-investigating committee, which conducted hearings in Miami.

In 1952, he joined the *Miami Herald* and was the first editor of the newspaper's Broward edition.

"As a person, he was very kind and compassionate," said Fred Pettijohn, former first vice president and editorial director of the *News* and *Sun-Sentinel* and a longtime associate of Mr. Kinney. "He was soft-spoken and a gentle man. I worked with him and against him and always considered him an excellent newsman and competitor."

In 1959, Mr. Kinney left newspapers to become a free-lance writer and public relations consultant, devoting much of his energies to Nova and education in general. He twice waged unsuccessful campaigns for the Broward County School Board.

"He worked harder now than he ever did in his life," Mrs. Kinney said. "His whole life was just Fort Lauderdale and Broward County."

Memorial services for Mr. Kinney will be 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Church by the Sea, 2700 Mayan Drive, Fort Lauderdale.