



Harry F. Wollenberg IV

May 17, 1949 - August 19, 2025

Harry “Skip” Wollenberg, 76, of Teaneck, passed away on Tuesday, August 19. Harry was born in Evergreen Park, IL, and grew up in Chicago. He graduated from Purdue University and before retiring in 2017, he worked as a newsman for the Associated Press for 45 years, in Springfield, IL, Memphis, TN, Washington, DC, and New York, NY. He was an avid baseball fan and loved following the Chicago White Sox and the New Jersey Jackals. He is survived by his wife, Yvonne Chilik Wollenberg, his daughter, Emily Wollenberg, his sons, Harry Timothy Wollenberg and Gregory Wollenberg, his brothers, John Wollenberg and Danny Wollenberg, his sister, Debbie (Wollenberg) Kaczor, and numerous nieces and nephews. Friends and family are invited to visit on Sunday, August 24 from 3 to 5 p.m. at Volk Leber Funeral Home, 789 Teaneck Road, Teaneck. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church in Bogota at 10 am on Monday, August 25. Burial will follow at Maryrest Cemetery, 770 Darlington Avenue, Mahwah.

Cemetery Details

Maryrest Cemetery

770 Darlington Avenue
Mahwah, NJ 07430

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **24**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Volk Leber Funeral Home
789 Teaneck Road
Teaneck, NJ 07666
info@volkleber.com
<http://www.volkleber.com>

Funeral Mass

AUG **25**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church
115 Forth Lee Road
Bogota, NJ 07603

Tribute Wall



“ I only knew Skip in high school and always found him friendly and fun to be around.

Peter Gadzinski - January 24 at 04:56 PM

TA

“ I worked with Skip on the AP Business News desk for a decade. I started there fresh out of college and Skip absolutely schooled me-- always in the kindest ways. He was a rock and I am lucky to have sat next to him and learned from him.

Tali Arbel - September 07, 2025 at 11:02 PM

DC

“ I was saddened by news of Skip's passing. We met on the Business News desk in New York in the '80s but I knew him mostly as the calm, wise voice on the other end of the phone when I was the business reporter in Chicago beginning in 1999. He was always a steady, cool presence -- rare and valuable traits on hectic news days. I enjoyed chatting about baseball and his White Sox. It is heartening to read all the comments and see the outstanding legacy and admiration he left behind. He was an outstanding human being.

Dave Carpenter - September 04, 2025 at 05:03 PM

RB

“ I worked alongside Skip in Business News in the early 1980s. I remember his distinct Illinois “accent,” his dry sense of humor, his calm manner, and his devotion to his work. I was truly saddened to learn of his passing. My sincere condolences to his loved ones.

robert burns - September 04, 2025 at 10:04 AM

RB

“ I met Skip in 1994, when I joined the AP Business desk as a young reporter trying to find my place in the newsroom. Over the next 17 years, he became both a trusted mentor and a dear friend.

Skip was always the first to arrive in the morning, opening the desk and setting the tone for the day. He guided the department through some of the biggest business stories of our time — always with steady hands, a calm presence, and quiet wisdom. We were lucky to have such a voice of reason on our side.

Since news of his passing has spread, many AP Business alumni have shared just how deeply Skip impacted their lives. His legacy lives on in all of us. He will be missed.

Rachel Beck - August 29, 2025 at 03:03 PM

VM

“ I was deeply saddened to hear the news of Skip’s passing. I had the good fortune of working with him for more than decade on the AP’s Business Desk. I was still relatively new to journalism when I joined the department and in awe of his accomplishments. I remember his witty story about the California Raisins ad campaign! When I think of Skip, three words immediately come to mind: competent, smart and kind. My sincere condolences to Yvonne and their three children.

Vivian Marino - August 29, 2025 at 07:45 AM

RG

“ I was very sorry to hear about Skip, one of my favorite people at the AP, where we had worked together on the Business Desk for more than a decade. He was so solid and reliable and he could basically do anything. He never complained. And he had a dry sense of humor about the news. I learned a lot from Skip.

Rick Gladstone - August 28, 2025 at 08:19 AM

EQ

“ Sending my deepest condolences to Yvonne, Tim, Greg and Emily. Even with his distinctive low-key manner, we could always tell that Skip was bursting with love and pride whenever he spoke of his family. I hope your memories of him—and the knowledge that he touched so many lives—will bring you some comfort during this difficult time.

I was fortunate to meet Skip nearly 31 years ago as a rookie reporter with the AP in New York, where he graciously and patiently took me under his wing. I was just one of many who benefited from his wisdom, kindness, and fairness. Skip was a peerless mentor and colleague—and, more important, he was a wonderful friend. We loved talking about family and baseball. I'll never forget him telling me about a trip to spring training (presumably to see his beloved White Sox). He stood by a fence watching a young pitcher warm up, marveling at the pop of the catcher's mitt after each fastball. As the catcher walked toward the dugout, Skip said something to him about the speed of the pitches. The catcher turned to him and replied, "Welcome to the big leagues, Kid." Skip must have been in his mid/late '40s at the time, and his face absolutely lit up as he told me the story. I'll always smile at that memory—and so many others we shared. RIP, Skip. I'm sorry I didn't have a chance to say goodbye.

Eric Quinones - August 27, 2025 at 11:05 PM

KW

“ Skip was an intelligent, kind, and patient man. A real gentleman and that's how we will remember him❤️. Kathie and Frank Webster

kathie webster - August 21, 2025 at 05:24 PM