

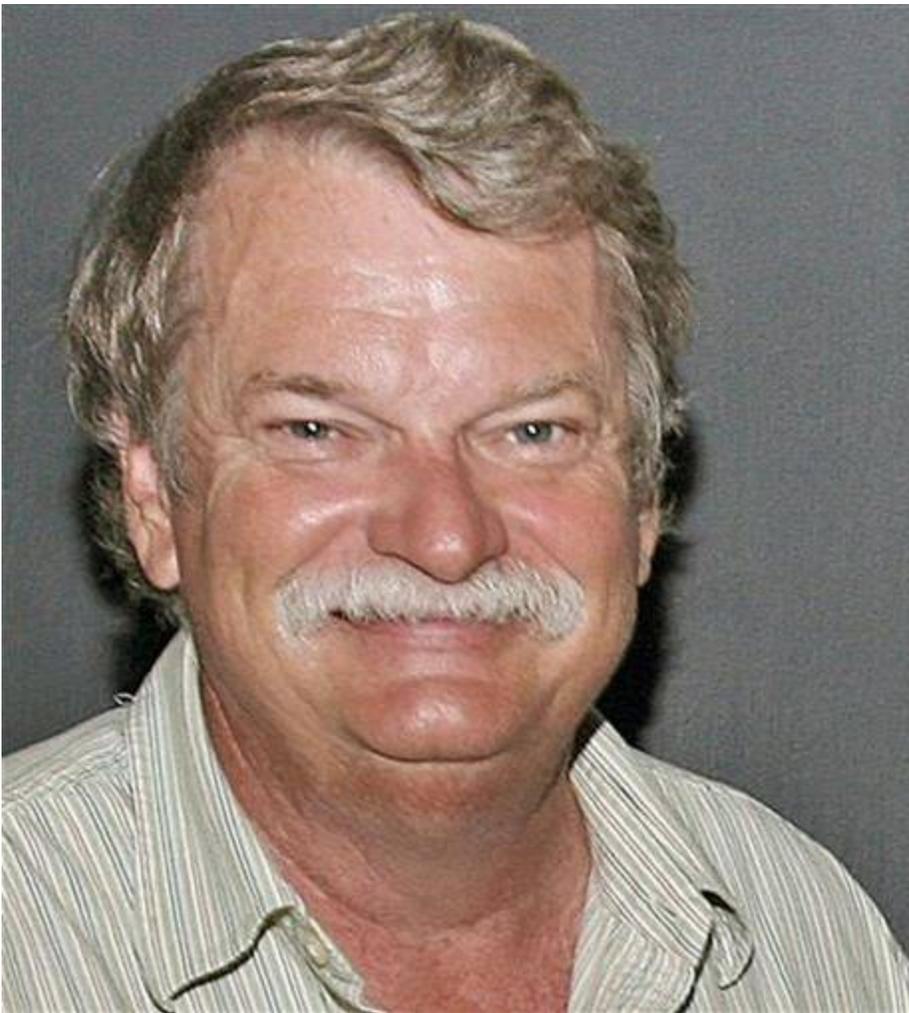
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Colleagues,

The AP family just lost one of its finest with the death of Birmingham-based photographer **Dave Martin**.



Thanks to all of you who have sent story links and remembrances to Connecting. Here is the latest AP story:

AP-US--Obit-Dave Martin,3rd Ld-Writethru/935

Eds: Updates with details about Martin's influence, family and career. With AP Photos.

AP's Martin remembered as mentor, friend, talent

KATE BRUMBACK, Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Known as a master of his craft, longtime Associated Press photographer Dave Martin collapsed on the field of the Georgia Dome after taking one of his signature photos: the coach getting doused by his players.

The 59-year-old Martin suffered an apparent heart attack and died early Wednesday morning after working the sidelines at Texas A&M's 52-48 win over Duke in the Chick-Fil-A Bowl. Friends and colleagues remembered Martin as a larger-than-life character who was always happy to share advice with fellow photographers who he often outshot.

Martin covered nearly every major news event in the South over the past 30 years — including Hurricane Katrina and the Gulf oil spill — and he traveled to sporting events around the world and to conflicts in Afghanistan, Haiti and Iraq. His award-winning visual storytelling was splashed across countless newspaper front pages and the covers of Sports Illustrated and other magazines.

At sporting events, he was well-known for always managing to get himself in the perfect position to take the shot of winning athletes dousing their coach with water or Gatorade. Done right, such images capture the flourish of airborne water caught in the stadium lights, but they require great timing and positioning.

Tuesday night's game was no exception — Martin perfectly showed Aggies coach Kevin Sumlin's startled but jubilant expression as he's splashed.

"Every photojournalist in the country knows the trademark Dave Martin picture was the coach being dunked," said AP South regional photo editor Mike Stewart, who first met Martin in 1989.

AP Vice President and Director of Photography Santiago Lyon said: "Dave Martin was an excellent photojournalist, a consummate and dedicated professional and a wonderful person. Wherever his work took him he made many friends and will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him."

Some of Martin's most memorable images helped people around the world understand the toll of disasters in the South, such as a man wading through chest-deep floodwaters after Katrina with a garbage bag of belongings. Or the striking colors of oil droplets suspended in a cresting wave after the 2010 Gulf oil spill.

He won national journalism awards for images including one of golfer Phil Mickelson celebrating his 2004 win at the Masters and another of people bracing themselves against 90 mph winds next to an upended house in Key West, Fla., during Hurricane Georges in 1998.

"Anyone can shoot game action at sporting events or general news. Dave found MOMENTS," former Mobile Press-Register photographer John David Mercer wrote in an email.

Martin took many young photographers under his wing, and Mercer said he learned a lot from Martin as a mentor — and competitor. As a young newspaper photographer, Mercer quickly found out that if he didn't shoot an event well enough his editors would use Martin's photos instead.

On a Facebook tribute page set up Wednesday, dozens of photojournalists from around the country shared their memories of Martin. Many recalled his mischievous spirit and wicked sense of humor as well as his generosity.

"Through the years he taught hundreds of photographers about lighting and positioning and getting the most out of their gear," said longtime friend and colleague Jay Reeves, AP's correspondent in Birmingham, Ala. "In that way, he influenced so many news photos without even being on an assignment."

But Martin's help went beyond setting an example or offering advice.

"Dave would give you the shirt off his back, let you borrow a lens or move some photos if your laptop crashed," Mercer said.

Alabama Gov. Robert Bentley described Martin as "one of the best photojournalists" he'd ever worked with.

"He traveled with me in the aftermath of the April 2011 tornado outbreak, and told the story of the storm's devastation in some of the best photos I have seen," Bentley said in a statement Wednesday.

Martin began his career as a photographer at the Lakeland Ledger in Lakeland, Fla., in 1982, before joining the AP as a staff photographer in Montgomery in 1983. In 2004, he became the AP's regional photo editor for the South. Subsequently, he worked as a freelance photographer for several years before rejoining the AP in 2010 in Montgomery.

Despite the national awards, the man known as "Mullet" — after the fish, not the hairstyle — remained humble and focused on making sure everyone around him was having a good time. Many colleagues recall how his unflappable demeanor and jokes could cut through the tension during assignments.

"He'll forever be known for the legendary parties he hosted known as 'Mulletfests,' which came with custom-made T-shirts (I still have all mine!), plenty of good food and drink, and a midnight tossing of that smelly, slimy fish in the middle of the street," said AP sports writer Paul Newberry.

He was devoted to his wife, Jamie Martin, and their two children, Emily and Skip. Several colleagues remembered Martin's pride after November's Alabama-Auburn college football game — not because his own photo made the cover of Sports Illustrated, but because his son's photo was featured in a two-page spread inside.

Reeves, the AP correspondent, fondly recalled how Martin's perfectionist streak wasn't limited to framing images at sporting events and disasters.

On their last assignment together, Reeves watched as Martin took time to get the perfect photo of sunlight streaming through a glass of beer. "He came away with a beautiful photo because he wasn't willing to settle for the ordinary."

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Here are some remembrances of Dave:

**USA Today Photo Gallery:**

<http://www.usatoday.com/picture-gallery/news/nation/2014/01/01/ap-photographer-dave-martin-dies-after-a-long-career/4276993/>

## **Atlanta Journal-Constitution:**

<http://www.ajc.com/news/sports/college/ap-photographer-dies-after-chick-fil-a-bowl/ncZRK/>

## **One of his last photos:**

This Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2013, file photo, photographed by Associated Press photographer Dave Martin, shows Texas A&M coach Kevin Sumlin as he is dunked in the closing seconds of a 52-48 win over Duke in the the Chick-fil-A Bowl NCAA college football game Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2013, in Atlanta. Martin, a longtime Associated Press photographer based in Montgomery, Ala., died after collapsing on the Georgia Dome field at the Chick-fil-A Bowl on Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2013. Martin was 59. (AP Photo/Dave Martin, File)

[http://photos.al.com/4558/gallery/dave\\_martin\\_dies/index.html#/0](http://photos.al.com/4558/gallery/dave_martin_dies/index.html#/0)

## **Knoxville News Sentinel:**

<http://m.knoxnews.com/photos/galleries/2014/jan/01/ap-photographer-dave-martins-post-game-dunk-photos/>

**Alabama Gov. Robert Bentley:** "Dave Martin was one of the best photojournalists that I have had the privilege of working with over the years. He has covered nearly every major news event in the South over his 30 year career. He traveled with me in the aftermath of the April 2011 tornado outbreak, and told the story of the storm's devastation in some of the best photos I have seen. Dave was well respected by all those who knew him and worked with him, and he leaves a great legacy of work with the Associated Press. Dianne and I are praying for Dave's wife Jamie, who is a valuable member of my staff, and their children Emily and Skip. May God bring them comfort and peace in the difficult days ahead."

**Bob Daugherty:** Probably some are wondering where Dave got the nickname "Mullet." It seems that Dave held an annual mullet (fish) toss in Montgomery for friends. No doubt more beers were tossed down than fish. Not sure what happened, but in a conversation with Dave, I guessed the frivolity may have gotten a bit out of hand and he may have been asked by the local authorities to tone thing down. Dave kept his cool when all else was going to hell around him. He had a calm way of judging what was important. He was truly photographic icon.

**Brian Horton:** AP photographer Dave Martin died last night while covering the post-game celebration on the field at a bowl game in Atlanta. Dave, who everyone called Mullett, was a great photographer, a really colorful and funny guy and a good friend. So many of us are devastated at the loss. It's ironic that he die on the field at the end of the game. Dave was well know for a lot of photo stuff but most well known as the guy you would send on to the field at the end of the game to get the winning coach getting dunked with Gatorade by his players. Believe it or not, that takes a real skill as you have to be aware of the game clock, the game situation, security and some big football players as you weave your way through the mess to be in the right spot at the right moment. Mullett was the best at this. He never arrived to soon, which gave security a chance to drag you away, or too late, after the Gatorade had been delivered. In addition to game coverage, I assigned him the winning coach picture many, many times at major college bowl games and the Super Bowl. He always delivered. Last night, he made the picture of the winning coach getting dunked, which moved on the wire, and died a few minutes later.

**Gary Clark:** Dave was a top shooter. He and I worked together on many stories and state meetings. Very professional. Members really appreciated the attention he gave them. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jamie and the family.

**Lindel Hutson:** Dave was one of the good guys. I was lucky enough to have him as regional photo editor and thought very highly of him.

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In the Connecting list of AP people who died in 2013, there was one omission – **Hal McClure**.

<http://news.yahoo.com/ex-ap-foreign-correspondent-hal-mcclure-dies-191901825.html>

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Welcome to our newest members of Connecting: **Seymour Topping, Adolphe Bernotas** and **Sally Hale**.

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**War Reporting and Photography** (Paul Colford)

<http://www.c-span.org/History/Events/War-Reporting-and-Photography/10737442990/>

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**AP's David Guttenfelder on What It's Like to be a Photojournalist Inside North Korea** (Doug Pizac)

<http://petapixel.com/2013/12/31/david-guttenfelder-like-ap-photojournalist-inside-north-korea/#more-127605>

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**Are the U.S. media as transparent as the U.S. government?**

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/erik-wemple/wp/2013/12/31/are-the-u-s-media-as-transparent-as-the-u-s-government/>

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**Rob Ford and the media: Four lessons from 2013**

<http://www.poynter.org/latest-news/top-stories/234436/rob-ford-and-the-media-four-lessons-from-2013/>

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**Al Jazeera America Will Be 'Envy of the Industry,' Chief Says**

<http://variety.com/2013/tv/news/al-jazeera-america-will-be-envy-of-the-industry-chief-says-1201015965/#>

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**Mike O'Connor, Journalists' Advocate, Dies at 67**

[http://www.nytimes.com/2014/01/01/world/americas/mike-oconnor-advocate-for-mexican-journalists-dies-at-67.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/01/01/world/americas/mike-oconnor-advocate-for-mexican-journalists-dies-at-67.html?_r=0)

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**For newspaper stocks, 2013 was a surprisingly good year** (Bob Daugherty)

<http://www.poynter.org/latest-news/business-news/the-biz-blog/234963/for-newspaper-stocks-2013-was-a-surprisingly-good-year/>

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**At Papers, Berkshire Rewrites Its Script**

[http://online.wsj.com/news/article\\_email/SB10001424052702304361604579292721064856870-IMyQjAxMTAzMDMwMDEzNDAYWj](http://online.wsj.com/news/article_email/SB10001424052702304361604579292721064856870-IMyQjAxMTAzMDMwMDEzNDAYWj)

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**Rupert Murdoch: 10 reasons he'll be back and stronger than ever in 2014** (Daugherty)

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/dec/30/rupert-murdoch-2014-moves-to-watch>