



# Former CNN anchor Bobbie Battista has died at 67

By Chuck Johnston, [CNN Business](#)

Updated 4:49 PM ET, Tue March 3, 2020

**Atlanta (CNN Business)** – Former CNN anchor Bobbie Battista has passed away at the age of 67, according to a family spokeswoman.

Battista died on Tuesday morning after a four-year battle with cervical cancer, according to Wendy Guarisco, family spokeswoman.

"Bobbie was the consummate trooper in her struggle with cancer, she was courageous and fearless in her battle and thoughtful for all the others in her life even as she fought through the pain," Battista's husband John Brimelow said in a statement on Tuesday. "My dear partner of 25 years of marriage has cut her earthly bonds and is now in peace."

Battista was one of the original CNN Headline News anchors when the network launched in 1981. She anchored several news programs on CNN, including "TalkBack Live," which aired before a studio audience in the CNN Center in Atlanta, featuring newsmakers and public participation.

In 2001, Battista recounted some of the difficult moments in history that she covered as an anchor in her 20 years at CNN.

"Whether the Challenger explosion, the assassination attack on Reagan, the Gulf War, certainly this terrorist attack. Those were memorable from the anchor desk," Battista said. "As far as TalkBack, we've had some serious shows, and some fun shows. If I had to pick, I'd say I liked 'Free for All Fridays' the best."

Before joining CNN Headline News, Battista was anchor and producer of Action News 5 for WRAL-TV, in Raleigh, North Carolina. She began her television career at WRAL-TV in 1976. She produced and anchored the station's morning news report and produced a variety of special programming in sports, public affairs and children's TV before becoming an evening news anchor in 1977.

In 1981, Battista was the writer and assistant producer for "Fed up with Fear", a five-station documentary that won a George Foster Peabody Award. She was nominated for an On Cable magazine award, an award voted on by cable viewers, as Outstanding News Personality of 1984. Battista was voted best newscaster in Cable Guide magazine's annual reader's poll in 1986, and, in 1995, she was nominated for a CableACE award for Best Newscaster.

Battista also was featured on HGTV's one-hour prime-time special that features the design styles of some of America's most recognized and respected broadcast journalists. Battista was a member of Women in Communications and Sigma Delta Chi. She has been a guest lecturer at universities, organizations and conventions worldwide.



US

World

Politics

Business

Opinion

Health

Entertainment

Tech

Style

Travel

Sports

Videos

Coupons

More



FOLLOW CNN BUSINESS



Most stock quote data provided by BATS. Market indices are shown in real time, except for the DJIA, which is delayed by two minutes. All times are ET.

Disclaimer. Morningstar: Copyright 2018 Morningstar, Inc. All Rights Reserved. Factset: FactSet Research Systems Inc.2018. All rights reserved. Chicago Mercantile Association: Certain market data is the property of Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. and its licensors. All rights reserved. Dow Jones: The Dow Jones branded indices are proprietary to and are calculated, distributed and marketed by DJI Opco, a subsidiary of S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC and have been licensed for use to S&P Opco, LLC and CNN. Standard & Poor's and S&P are registered trademarks of Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC and Dow Jones is a registered trademark of Dow Jones Trademark Holdings LLC. All content of the Dow Jones branded indices Copyright S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC 2018 and/or its affiliates.

[Terms of Use](#)
[Privacy Policy](#)
[Do Not Sell My Personal Information](#)
[AdChoices](#)
[About Us](#)
[CNN Studio Tours](#)
[CNN Store](#)
[Newsletters](#)
[Transcripts](#)  
[License Footage](#)
[CNN Newsource](#)
[Sitemap](#)

© 2020 Cable News Network. Turner Broadcasting System, Inc. All Rights Reserved.  
 CNN Sans ™ & © 2016 Cable News Network.