

US · Published April 30, 2013 · Last Update January 13, 2015

Former AP correspondent John Fenton Wheeler, last US reporter in Cold War-era Cuba, dies at 88

By | [Associated Press](#)

COLUMBIA, Mo. – John Fenton Wheeler, an Associated Press foreign correspondent who was the last U.S. reporter expelled from Cold War-era Cuba, has died. He was 88.

According to a Parker Funeral Service obituary, Wheeler died on April 21.

Wheeler's 21-year AP career included posts in Chile, Cuba, Spain, Portugal and Peru. He joined the news cooperative in 1964 in Columbus, Ohio and retired in 1985 as a chief of bureau. He was expelled from Havana in 1969 for coverage deemed unfavorable to Fidel Castro's government.

Wheeler was born on April 10, 1925, in Salina, Kan. He worked for the Topeka Daily Capital and the Corpus Christi Caller-Times in Texas before joining AP.

He retired to Columbia, Mo., in 1994.

He wrote a 2008 memoir chronicling his reporting efforts entitled "Last Man Out."

U.S.

Crime
Military
Education
Terror
Immigration
Economy
Personal Freedoms
Fox News Investigates

Opinion

Entertainment

Celebrity News
Movies
TV News
Music News
Style News
Entertainment Video

Lifestyle

Food + Drink
Cars + Trucks
Travel + Outdoors
House + Home
Fitness + Well-being
Style + Beauty
Family

World

U.N.
Conflicts
Terrorism
Disasters
Global Economy
Environment
Religion
Scandals

Politics

Executive
Senate
House
Judiciary
Foreign policy
Polls
Elections

Business

Markets
Politics
Technology
Features
Business Leaders

Science

Archaeology
Air & Space
Planet Earth
Wild Nature
Natural Science
Dinosaurs

Tech

- Security
- Innovation
- Drones
- Computers
- Video Games
- Military Tech

TV

- Shows
- Personalities
- Watch Live
- Full Episodes
- Show Clips
- News Clips

Other

- Fox Nation
- Fox News Shop
- Fox News Go
- Fox News Radio
- Fox News Insider
- Newsletters
- Alerts
- Podcasts
- Apps & Products

Health

- Healthy Living
- Medical Research
- Mental Health
- Cancer
- Heart Health
- Children's Health

About

- Careers
- College Students
- Fox Around the World
- Advertise With Us
- Ad Choices
- Media Relations
- Compliance

[New Terms of Use](#) [New Privacy Policy](#) [Closed Captioning Policy](#) [Help](#)

This material may not be published, broadcast, rewritten, or redistributed. ©2018 FOX News Network, LLC. All rights reserved. All market data delayed 20 minutes.