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HALL OF FAME BROADCASTER DAVE NIEHAUS PASSES AWAY VOICE OF THE MARINERS CALLED EVERY SEASON IN MARINERS HISTORY

Dave Niehaus, the Voice of the Seattle Mariners since the team's inception in 1977, passed away today at his home in Bellevue, WA. Niehaus, 75, suffered a heart attack, according to his family.

"This is truly devastating news," **Howard Lincoln**, Seattle Mariners Chairman & CEO and **Chuck Armstrong**, Seattle Mariners President & COO, said. "Speaking for ourselves, our ownership and the entire Mariners family, our thoughts and prayers are with Marilyn, their children: Andy, Matt and Greta and the grandchildren."

"Dave has truly been the heart and soul of this franchise since its inception in 1977. Since calling Diego Segui's first pitch strike on Opening Night in the Kingdome some 34 years ago, Dave's voice has been the constant with the franchise. He truly was the fans connection to every game; to wins and losses; to great plays and heart-breaking defeats; to Hall of Famers and journeymen. With the exception of his love for his wife, Marilyn, his children and grandchildren, there was nothing Dave liked more than the game of baseball and to be at the ballpark. He was the voice of spring and summer in the Northwest.

"He was the fans choice to throw out the first pitch in Safeco Field history, and no one has had a greater impact on our team's connection to fans throughout the Northwest. One of the best days we've ever spent was in Cooperstown in 2008, as Dave took his place in the Baseball Hall of Fame."

Dave leaves behind his wife Marilyn, their three children: Andy, Matt and Greta and six grandchildren, Zach, Steven, Madeline, Alexa, Audrey and Spencer.

The Niehaus family has requested privacy at this very difficult time.

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