

JAY RAYVID

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Jay Rayvid, a trailblazer in children's television, and a renowned Executive Producer, passed away on December 31, 2024, at the age of 92. Jay is best remembered for his significant contributions to public television, particularly for his pioneering work at WQED (PBS) Pittsburgh. His career includes producing beloved programs such as *Once Upon a Classic*, *Wonderworks Family Movie*, *Where in the World is Carmen*

Sandiego, and *Anne of Green Gables*, which have left an enduring mark on audiences for generations.

Throughout his esteemed career, Jay received numerous prestigious accolades, including three Emmy Awards, 21 Emmy nominations, three Peabody Awards, two Prix Jeunesse International Awards, two Cine Golden Eagle Awards, and several Action for Children's Television Awards. These honors reflect his profound impact on television, and his commitment to creating meaningful content for young audiences.

Jay's personal life was equally rich. He shared a 65-year marriage with his beloved wife, Lynn Rayvid, who predeceased him in 2017. He is survived by his daughters, Rachel Paul (Douglas Dietrich) and Lisa McCracken (Rafael Gutierrez); his grandchildren, Erica Paul, Joe Paul (Jianina Paul), and Jennifer Meiers (Michael Meiers); and his four great-grandchildren. His grandson, Michael McCracken, predeceased him.

In addition to his professional achievements, Jay was known for his warmth, kindness, and inspirational spirit. He not only left a legacy in television, but also instilled a sense of purpose and love in all who knew him. His family and the countless colleagues he mentored will remember him for his unwavering dedication to both his craft and those he loved.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation to one of the following charities: Avow Hospice (Avowcare.org) The Alzheimer's Association (Act.alz.org) or Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy (ParentProjectmd.org).

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