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World's longest continuously serving film commissioner Linn Sitler makes historic 40 year tenure in Memphis, TN

MEMPHIS, TN, November 11, 2026 - A chapter in Tennessee film history which began in 1987 will end December 31st when Memphis & Shelby County Film Commissioner Linn Sitler leaves to start as she says, "a new adventure!"

Sitler is not only the world's longest consecutively serving film commissioner but also holds the record of the longest consecutively involved member of the Association of Film Commissioners International (the AFCI).

According to Claire Brooks, AFCI President, "Linn's career spans an extraordinary period of transformation in our industry, and her experience, leadership, and perspective have helped inform generations of film commissioners."

Linn Sitler has dedicated 40 years to promoting Memphis and showcasing our local talent and creativity," said Memphis Mayor Paul Young. "Her commitment to our city and her support of our creative community have helped bring the Memphis story to audiences around the world. We appreciate her many years of service and wish her all the best in retirement."

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Sitler began her entertainment career right out of graduate school at Memphis' NBC affiliate WMC-TV – where she worked on-camera and -coincidentally- full-time in Promotions. After one year, she moved to what was then Memphis' ABC affiliate (now Fox 13) where she was the PM MAGAZINE Co-Host, writer/segment producer,

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Memphis vs. Navy game to air on ESPN2 on Nov. 21

IRVING, Texas, November 15, 2026 – The University of Memphis football team's matchup on Saturday, Nov. 21 at Navy will air on ESPN2, the American confirmed Sunday morning.

The matchup, already set for an 11 a.m. CT start, features a Memphis (8-2, 5-1 American) program now in a three-way tie for first place in the American Conference standings, and a Navy (3-6, 2-4 American) program that has gotten the best of Memphis in each of the past two seasons, with the most recent game in Annapolis ending 56-44 in favor of the Midshipmen.

Memphis goes into the game boasting one of the nation's top offenses, currently ranking third in total offense (520.1), with the 12th-ranked passing attack (328.9) eighth-best rushing offense (227.3) and scoring offense (39.0). On the other side of the ball, the Tigers also rank 20th nationally in sacks per game (2.80) and have the 10th-best red zone defense (.722).

Despite its record, Navy has kept its identity with the third-best rushing attack (298.1) in the nation, while having the seventh-highest average time of possession (33:07). That offense is led by Jackson Gutierrez, who has the eighth-most rushing yards in the nation and third-most rushing and total touchdowns on the season.

Single-game tickets can be purchased online at or by calling the Memphis Ticket Office at (901) 678-2331. For group tickets and experiences, please contact the Memphis Ticket Office at (901) 678-2331.

For premium seating experiences, please contact the Memphis Athletic Fund at MAFpremium@memphis.edu.

For complete information on Memphis Tigers Football, visit www.GoTigersGo.com and follow the team's social media channels on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

Harlem Globetrotters 100th Anniversary special set to premiere on Roku in 2027



Featuring archival footage and special guest interviews, the documentary-style feature is set to premiere in early 2027 on Roku.

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Richard Sterban, bass voice of The Oak Ridge Boys and Country Music Hall of Fame member, dies at 83

From Elvis Presley's stage to the famous bass line of "Elvira," the New Jersey native anchored one of America's most beloved vocal groups for more than five decades.

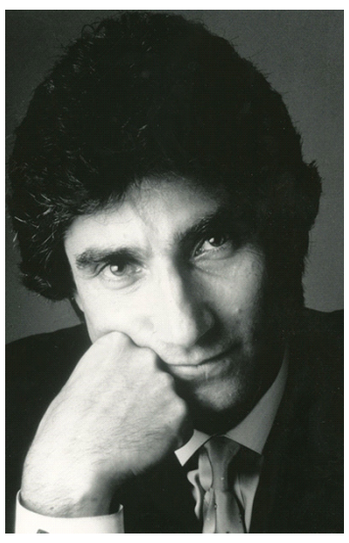
Editor's Note: Below is an obituary from the Management of the Oak Ridge Boys.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (Saturday, November 14, 2026) — Richard Sterban, whose deep bass voice anchored The Oak Ridge Boys for more than half a century and whose rumbling refrain on "Elvira" became one of the most familiar sounds in American

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music, died Saturday, November 14, 2026, in Hendersonville, Tennessee due to complications from bronchitis and pneumonia after fighting a long, hard battle with cancer. He was 83. His death was announced by his family and The Oak Ridge Boys.

Sterban joined The Oak Ridge Boys in late 1972, walking away from a job singing behind Elvis



Richard Sterban poses for famed photographer Annie Leibovitz in 1984.

Presley to chase a goal he had set for himself as a young man. "I wanted to be in the best vocal group in the world," he said. With lead singer Duane Allen, baritone William Lee Golden and tenor Joe Bonsall, he helped carry a Southern gospel quartet into the heart of country and pop music. The group placed 34 singles in the country Top 10, 17 of them at No. 1, earned Grammy, Country Music Association and Academy of Country Music awards, and became members of the Grand Ole Opry, the Gospel Music Hall of Fame and the Country Music Hall of Fame.

We appreciate all of your love, support, and prayers. Please continue to lift us up in this difficult time, we find comfort knowing that he is currently face to face with Jesus. - The Sterban Family

To millions of fans, he was the voice at the foundation of the Oaks' four-part harmony and, for a few famous bars of "Elvira," (oom poppa mow mow), the voice out in front. Offstage, he was a sharp dresser, a lifelong

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Tigers ranked in Associated Press Poll for first time this season

Tigers Ranked No. 24 in Associated Press Poll, Receiving Votes in US LBM Coaches Poll

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – The University of Memphis football program was ranked in the Associated Press Poll for the first time this season, while also receiving votes in the US LBM Coaches Poll for the fifth time in 2026.

UofM QB Marcus Stokes named 1 of 13 for Davy O'Brien QB National Award
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After a 52-41 win over South Florida on Thursday, the Tigers moved to 8-2 overall and 5-1 in American Conference play, securing their first AP Poll ranking since Nov. 3, 2025, when the Tigers were ranked 22nd in the nation.

Memphis has had one of the top offenses in the country throughout the season, ranking third in the FBS in total offense (520.1), with the eighth-ranked rushing attack (227.3) and 12th-best passing offense (292.8). Defensively, the Tigers have also followed up on Huff's success from his previous stops, ranking eighth in turnovers gained (19) and 10th in both third down defense (30.9%) and red zone defense (72.2%).



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