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## Announcer made 'The Lone Ranger' special

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LOS ANGELES -- Fred Foy, a radio and television announcer best known for conjuring up "those thrilling days of yesteryear" in the late 1940s and '50s as the announcer-narrator of "The Lone Ranger," has died. He was 89.

Foy died Wednesday morning of age-related causes at his home in Woburn, Mass., said his daughter Nancy Foy.

During a broadcasting career that began in Detroit in 1940, Foy spent more than 20 years as a staff announcer for ABC television and radio before retiring in the mid-1980s.

His early career included stints announcing radio's "The Green Hornet" and "The Challenge of the Yukon," and he was the announcer on "The Dick Cavett Show" on ABC in the late '60s and early '70s.

But for many, Foy remains best remembered for his stentorian delivery of what many consider the most famous opening in broadcast history, accompanied by the stirring strains of Rossini's "William Tell Overture."

Foy was a staff announcer at Detroit radio station WXYZ-AM in 1948 when he was asked to take over as the announcer for "The Lone Ranger," a show that the station started in in 1933.

He remained with "The Lone Ranger" until its final live broadcast, in 1954.

He was born Frederick William Foy on March 27, 1921, in Detroit. In 1940, he landed a part-time job at WMBC, a small independent radio station in the city.

He moved to WXYZ in 1942, but was drafted into the Army later that year. Foy returned to the station after serving in the Special Services United/Armed Forces Radio in Cairo, Egypt.

His career included narrating network documentaries, announcing quiz shows, doing voice-overs for movie trailers and serving as a spokesman for national advertisers.

Foy was inducted into the Radio Hall of Fame in 2000.

In addition to his daughter Nancy, he is survived by his wife of 63 years, Frances; daughter Wendy Foy Griffis; son Fritz Foy, and three grandchildren.

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