

# Bernard F. Judy

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## *Class of 1941*

Bernard Judy was editor-in-chief of the *Toledo Blade*, Ohio's fourth largest newspaper. He also was a vice president and director of the Toledo Blade Co., which owns newspapers in Pittsburgh, Pa. (*Post-Gazette*) and Monterey, Calif., four television stations, and three cablevision systems.

After graduating from Grove City with a degree in commerce, he went to work for Goodyear Aircraft Corp. in Akron, Ohio. Following 39 months in military service in World War II in this country and in Europe with the Air Force and Army counter-intelligence corps, he furthered his education at Washington & Lee University and earned a bachelor's degree in economics.

The early seeds for his career in journalism were planted while working on *The Collegian* at Grove City College. Pursuing this goal, he entered the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism where he received a master's degree in journalism.

While still at Columbia, he was hired by the *Toledo Blade* and began work as a reporter in 1948. He handled a variety of positions in the news department before becoming an associate editor in 1959. He was named editorial director of the *Blade* in 1971 and editor in 1973. He served as editor for 11 years before being appointed editor-in-chief in 1984. As editor-in-chief, he was in charge of all editorial page operations of the paper and supervised the 150-person staff.

Judy belonged to the American Society of Newspaper Editors and the National Conference of Editorial Writers. He was former president of the Northwestern Ohio Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, and a founder and director of the Press Club of Toledo. He served on four Pulitzer Prize juries.

After his formal retirement from *The Blade* in 1989, he remained committed to the Toledo community, serving on the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library Board of Trustees for 16 years.

He passed away June 29, 2010.

*Additional degrees: B.A., Washington & Lee University; M.A., Columbia University*

