Mike Cochran was a '57 Cadillac El Dorado Biarritz under a starry Stamford sky. If you needed him, he was there. He knew how and when to ask the tough question. He covered everything — JFK's assassination, the Cullen Davis tumult, the April 11 tornado that leveled the 1985 Mexico City earthquake. He was the journalist you wanted to be when you grew up.

Family and friends will celebrate his life at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan 29, at Greenwood Funeral Home. Expect tall tales.

The family would be honored by contributions to the Texas Gridiron Club, Fort Worth SPJ's scholarship endowment, P.O. Box 3212, Fort Worth 76113. Cochran was chapter president 1998-1999.
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