Tribune Media lost a true friend, colleague, and leader yesterday. Pam Taylor, who helped found and lead Local TV beginning in 2006, finally lost her long battle with cancer. Pam served as Local TV's President and Chief Operating Officer for many years; she and Bobby Lawrence helped build the company into a local broadcasting powerhouse. Pam was widely admired and loved by those who knew her, and equally respected by her colleagues in the media industry. You couldn't help but love Pam—she was smart, funny, and fair.

She started her career in finance and investor relations at Kroger, and moved on to Jacor Communications at a time when the radio business entered into a frantic period of consolidation. She helped Jacor become one of the largest radio companies in the industry. Pam was a success wherever she worked and made her colleagues better for having worked with her.

Pam fought cancer bravely for 12 years without ever losing her sense of humor and humility. She is survived by her husband, Bruce, her two daughters, Jennifer and Allison, and countless friends. She will be greatly missed.