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Judy Woodruff

Judy Woodruff was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, but spent most of her childhood on various military bases all over the world. She initially attended Meredith College but transferred to Duke University, where she graduated with a degree in political science.

Woodruff, now in her fifth decade as a journalist, began her career in 1970 as a reporter covering the state legislature and later as an anchor with Atlanta's WAGA-TV. In 1975, Woodruff joined NBC News as a correspondent, and, based in Atlanta, covered the presidential campaign of former Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter. She went on to become the NBC News White House Correspondent from 1977 to 1982 and then, for a year, chief Washington Correspondent for NBC's Today Show.

Woodruff joined PBS in 1983, where, for 10 years, she was chief Washington correspondent for The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour, and anchor of the award-winning series Frontline with Judy Woodruff. For 12 years, between 1993 and 2005, Woodruff was anchor and senior correspondent for CNN, and anchored the daily program, Inside Politics. She returned to PBS in 2006, and in 2007 joined The News Hour with Jim Lehrer as senior correspondent and substitute anchor. She was named co-anchor and co-managing editor of the nightly news broadcast, PBS NewsHour with Gwen Ifill and Judy Woodruff, in 2013.

Woodruff is a founding co-chair of the International Women's Media Foundation. She serves on various boards, including the Freedom Forum, the Newseum, the Duke Endowment and the Urban Institute.

Woodruff has won many awards, including the Cine Lifetime Achievement award, the Duke Distinguished Alumni award, the Edward R. Murrow Lifetime Achievement Award in Broadcast Journalism/Television, the University of Southern California Walter Cronkite Award for Excellence in Journalism, the Al Neuharth/University of South Dakota Award for Excellence in Journalism and the University of Oklahoma Gaylord Prize for Excellence in Journalism and Mass Communications.

Her tough, probing, insightful, illuminating and balanced reporting and interviewing continue to serve as the standards all journalists strive to meet and achieve.