



**Statement by Evangelist Billy Graham
On the Death of Walter Cronkite
Montreat, N.C., July 17, 2009**

“Walter Cronkite was one of the closest friends I had in journalism. He was an icon. I doubt if anybody will replace him in the hearts and minds of Americans. I respected his views on so many subjects.

“I will never forget Walter’s narration of a documentary film produced about my wife, Ruth. May God bless his family during these days.”

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