

Doreen Gentzler spent more than 33 years anchoring *News4 at 6* and *News4 at 11* for NBC4, the #1 television station in Washington, D.C. She retired from the station in December 2022.

For 28 of those years, Gentzler anchored with Jim Vance, making them one of the longest-tenured anchor teams in the country. Vance died in July 2017, and Gentzler led NBC4's on-air and off-air tributes.

Born in DC and educated in Arlington, Gentzler is proud of her deep roots in the Washington area. She spent several years honing her reporting and anchoring skills in Chattanooga, Charlotte, and Cleveland, then Philadelphia at WCAU before joining NBC4 in 1989. Gentzler also filled in for vacationing news anchors on "The Today Show" and "NBC at Sunrise."

In addition to anchoring, Gentzler served as the station's medical reporter through most of her tenure at NBC4, filing cutting-edge health reports for all the station's newscasts and serving as the spokesperson for the annual *NBC4 Health and Fitness Expo* which provided access to healthcare to tens of thousands in the region.

In her award-winning *News 4 Your Health* segments, Gentzler brought viewers into hospital operating rooms, profiled medical breakthroughs, and showed the latest technology helping to save lives. Her reporting brought her to Bosnia, Ecuador, and the Persian Gulf, where she reported live from the USNS Comfort, a navy hospital ship tending to U.S. troops.

In 2014, Gentzler's health reporting expanded to focus on mental health when NBC4 initiated a station-wide project called "Changing Minds". The project, which continues to exist, has garnered local and national recognition for highlighting a wide range of issues related to mental illness, a subject that can be challenging to cover in a TV news format.

Gentzler has won several local Emmy awards for reporting and anchoring as well as three other Emmy awards for news writing and reporting while in Cleveland. She holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Georgia.

She and her family live in Washington, DC.