

Dorothy Kilgallen, 52, Columnist And TV Panelist, Dies in Sleep

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Reporter of Broadway Gossip
and Caustic Commentator
Had Morning Radio Show

Dorothy Kilgallen, the newspaper columnist and sharp-witted radio and television personality, died early yesterday in her five-story town house at 45 East 68th Street.

Miss Kilgallen, who was 52 years old, had appeared as a panelist Sunday night on the Columbia Broadcasting System show "What's My Line?" She correctly identified the occupation of one of the contestants, a woman who sold dynamite.

Miss Kilgallen then returned to her home and wrote her regular column, "The Voice of Broadway," and sent it by messenger to the editorial offices of The New York Journal-American.

In August, 1964, officials of the Warren Commission expressed distress that a Kilgallen column had contained testimony made before the commission by Jack L. Ruby, the convicted murderer of President Kennedy's assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald.

Miss Kilgallen wrote that she had obtained the testimony from "sources close to the Warren Commission in Washington."

She was found dead when her



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hairdresser arrived at 12:45 P.M. to keep an appointment.

The cause of death was not immediately made public. The office of the Chief Medical Examiner reported that Miss Kilgallen's body had been taken to the mortuary for an autopsy.

Miss Kilgallen's husband, Richard Kollmar, a former actor and producer, and their youngest child, Kerry Allen, 12, were asleep in other rooms when she died.