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In a Press Club “first,” the veteran Omaha World-Herald columnist had all four of his children as roasters telling “dumb Dad” jokes. Friends and family turned out from coast to coast to salute Kelly. A video looked back at Kelly’s early years in Omaha. Musical salutes were contributed by fellow members of the OPC Show; Kelly had been a cast member of 27 shows since 1971 and emceed seven of them. Show fans still remember his singing performances as Johnny Cash and Elvis. His first jobs when Kelly joined the World-Herald in 1970 right out of college were covering police and then the courthouse and city hall. In 1981, he became sports editor and sports columnist. He moved to metro columnist in 1991. He received the American Society of Newspaper Editors’ national first-place award in 2003 for his columns about the abduction and rape of his daughter Bridget. Kelly also has received the Creighton University Professional Journalism Award and the University of Nebraska at Omaha Communications Achievement Award.