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## Commercial Real Estate Builder and Developer Jack Rudin Dies at 92

By Justin Sumner



Jack Rudin, a prolific real estate builder and owner in New York City and former chairman of Rudin Management Company, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on December 4, 2016 at the age of 92.

As president of Rudin Management, Jack oversaw the design and construction of many commercial and residential buildings, including 345 Park Avenue, 1 Battery Park Place, 3 Times Square, 215 East 68th Street, and 211 East 70th Street, and the expansion of Rudin Management into a world-class company with more than 800 employees. He was also a staunch supporter and partner of the New York City trade unions throughout his career.

In a joint statement from New York Building Congress President Richard T. Anderson and Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Carlo A. Scissura, who will succeed Anderson at NYBC in 2017, said:

The New York Building Congress will long remember the extraordinary and lasting contributions of Jack Rudin to New York City and to the building community he dearly loved. Jack was an industry icon whose generosity and thoughtfulness knew no bounds. Jack's leadership of the building industry was marked by a strong commitment to quality and union craftsmanship. He bonded with design professionals, labor, government, contractors, and the religious community alike. No one was ever left out. There is no better evidence of our esteem and gratitude than the decision by the Building Congress' Board of Directors in 2008 to establish the Jack and Lewis Rudin Award for Service to New York City and select Jack as its first recipient.

Jack's philanthropic contributions are exemplified by his support of many programs throughout New York City. Jack and his brother Lewis provided the initial sponsorship for the Five-Borough New York City Marathon, with the request that the trophy be named in memory of their father, Samuel, who had been a long-distance runner. To this day, the Rudin family is one of the

major sponsors of the marathon and, in recent years, the Samuel Rudin Trophy has been awarded to the winners by Jack's grandsons.

Jack served with distinction on the boards of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, Jazz at Lincoln Center, the American Museum of Natural History, and Congregation Shearith Israel (the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue). He was also a Trustee Emeritus of Iona College and the George C. Marshall Foundation.

Jack was awarded the prestigious Chevalier of the French Legion of Honor in 2003 and, in 2008, was granted the Benemerenti Award Medal by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI. In addition, Jack held awards for his support from many organizations including The Greater New York Councils Boy Scouts of America, the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, the Jewish Foundation of Christian Rescuers/ADL, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York, The Battery Conservancy, Calvary Hospital, the Congregation of Christian Brothers, Cooper Union, the Citizens Committee, Wildlife Conservation Society, the New York Building Trades Employers' Association, the New York Building Congress, Hebrew University and many others. His contributions to Women in Need, Central Park Conservancy, Lincoln Center, Incarnation Children's Center and the Metropolitan Museum of Art have improved the quality of life for many New Yorkers. Honorary degrees were bestowed on Jack Rudin by Iona College ('86), The City College, The City University of New York ('93), the Hebrew University of Jerusalem ('93) and Yeshiva University ('95).

Jack was born in the Throgs Neck section of the Bronx. When he was still young, his family moved to Manhattan where he attended P.S. 166, followed by DeWitt Clinton High School, and, briefly, City College. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1942 and served with distinction as a Staff Sergeant under General George S. Patton. Jack was a member of a famous American combat unit The Rolling W (the 89th Infantry Division), and was among the soldiers who liberated Nazi concentration camps. He later received the Bronze Star for heroic and meritorious service in combat.

Jack is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Susan, his children, his grandchildren, his stepdaughters and their children, his niece and nephew, and his sister-in-law. Jack was predeceased by his first wife, Roberta, and his brother, Lewis.