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Jack Rudin (1924-2016); the chairman of Rudin Management was 92.

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NEW YORK CITY—Funeral services will be held Tuesday for Jack Rudin, chairman of Rudin Management Co. and long known as both a real estate owner/developer and as a civic leader. Rudin passed away Sunday at his home; he was 92.

Together with his late brother Lew, Rudin carried on the business begun by their grandfather in 1905. The company expanded from apartment buildings into office with 415 Madison Ave. in 1955, with the two brothers taking over the business upon the death of their father, Samuel Rudin, in 1975. As a builder, Jack Rudin

oversaw the design and construction of some of New York City's most iconic buildings, and built the company into one of the city's preeminent development, management and leasing companies.

In a joint statement, New York Building Congress president Richard T. Anderson and Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce president and CEO Carlo A. Scissura, who will succeed Anderson at the Building Congress next month, say the organization "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," says Anderson and Scissura. "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 Director in 2008 to establish the Jack and Lewis Rudin Award for Service to New York City and select Jack as its first recipient."

Jack Rudin served in the Army during World War II under the command of Gen. George S. Patton Jr. and received the Bronze Star for heroic and meritorious service in combat. He entered the family business following his discharge from the Army in 1945.

Rudin is survived by his wife Susan; his son and daughter in law Eric and Fiona Rudin; his daughter Madeleine Rudin Johnson and her partner Bruce Barnet; daughter Katherine Rudin; his grandchildren Grant Johnson, Samuel and Nicholas Rudin; his stepdaughters Inda Schaenen and her husband Michael Dee and their children Stella, Oliver and Nathan; and Eve Schaenen and her husband Frank Hentschker and their children, Claire and Leo; his nephew William Rudin and his wife, Ophelia and their family; his niece Beth Rudin DeWoody and her husband, Firooz Zahedi and their family; and his sister in law Rachel Rudin. His first wife, Roberta, predeceased him in 1983.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Central Synagogue at 55th Street and Lexington Avenue. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Rudin's memory may be made to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, the American Museum of Natural History and Jazz at Lincoln Center, all of which Rudin supported during his lifetime.