

Joseph Kelleher, 70, leaves behind a legacy of philanthropy and far-reaching relationships

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Joseph Kelleher passed away on Friday, Nov. 25, 2022, at the age of 70.

Photo courtesy Roberta Kelleher

Joseph Patrick Kelleher of Katonah, New York, passed away at the age of 70 peacefully at home surrounded by his wife and two children on Friday, Nov. 25.

The cause of death was Glioblastoma, an aggressive brain cancer. He was diagnosed in May 2022.

Born in New York City on Nov. 5, 1952, to the late James Kelleher and the late Ellen Killourhy, Kelleher led a full life of love, hard work, philanthropy, friendship and dedication.

He served as president and chief operating officer of Hutch Management LLC, a division of Simone Metro Properties, where he was responsible for overseeing the 42-acre Hutchinson Metro Center Office Complex with 1.4 million square feet of Class A office, medical, retail and educational space, as well as other commercial properties in the tri-state area. Kelleher joined the Hutchinson Metro Center in 2003, at the project's inception, and has spearheaded the successful leasing activity at the complex which is considered one of the most successful office parks in the region.

Kelleher began his career in the Real Estate Division of NYNEX as property manager for the corporate headquarters building at 1095 Avenue of the Americas in New York City. He subsequently served as director of property management for Catalano Kornblum Management Corporation and Winoker Realty Corporation, as well as being the chief executive officer of Casino New York LLC.

In addition to his leadership role at the Hutchinson Metro Center, Kelleher also served as chairman of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce, co-chair of the Westchester Square Business Improvement District, and was on the board of directors of the New Rochelle Police Department Foundation. He recently served as president of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) for the Bronx Council and was on the board of directors for the BSA Greater New York Region for eight years. Kelleher has been honored by the Bronx Business Alliance, Rotary Club, Bronx Board of Realtors, NYPD, Jacobi Hospital, Manhattan College, Liberty Democratic Association, R.A.I.N., Mercy College, Bronx Historical Society, received the Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Citizens Award, has been designated a Boy Scouts of America James E. West Fellow, and has received the Silver Beaver Award for his exceptional character and his distinguished service within the Bronx Council.

A real property administrator, Kelleher was a member of the Building Owners and Managers Organization, Bronx-Manhattan Board of Realtors, graduate and member of the FBI Citizens Academy, and host of "Bronx Now" on BronxNet, the borough's public access TV network. He recently received an Honorary Doctor of Commercial Science degree from Mercy College in recognition of his many achievements.

To those who knew him well, such as Lisa Sorin, Kelleher was "larger than life."

"His generosity and kind heart, combined with his commitment to duty and doing what's right, epitomized his leadership and transformed the Bronx and New York State," said Sorin, president of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce. "The Bronx Chamber of Commerce mourns the loss of our long-time Chairman and friend, and we will continue to shape the Bronx using Joe as an example of what it means to lead the oldest economic development agency in New York City. He always led by example, and we will continue to do the same. We will forever be in his debt."

In addition to all of his amazing business accomplishments, Kelleher was an extremely talented and gifted musician playing the accordion, the guitar and piano. He had the most beautiful voice and entertained those who were fortunate enough to be there when he was performing. He was the only tenor in the choir of St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Katonah, for more than 20 years. And he also performed in many local community theater shows. He always had a band, and most recently Yesterdaze, a Beatles tribute cover band. Kelleher was an avid golfer, enjoyed the gym, and focused on his physical and spiritual well-being. Kelleher had a strong Catholic faith and said the rosary every day.

Kelleher was a devoted husband and father, always placing his family first. He is survived by his loving wife, Roberta, and two wonderful children, Kristin and Ryan, as well as many dear family members, friends, co-workers and associates.

Visitation will be held at Clark Associates Funeral Home, 4 Woods Bridge Road, Katonah, New York, 10536, on Wednesday, Nov. 30, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Mary of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church, 55 Valley Road in Katonah on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 11 a.m. Interment will follow at St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery, 236 Lexington Ave., Mount Kisco, New York 10549.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Memorial Sloan Kettering Brain Cancer Research Fund In honor of Joseph Kelleher at <http://mskcc.convio.net/goto/JosephKelleher>.