



Kent Lawrence Karosen

December 6, 2018

Kent Lawrence Karosen passed away peacefully at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach, Florida on Thursday, December 6, 2018, at the age of 53. Kent was born in Kansas City, Missouri, to Mary Vivian and Leon Karosen, who lived in Mission Hills, Kansas. His father, Leon, was an owner of the Kansas City Kings, the National Basketball Association team, and Youthcraft Coats and Suits, Inc.

After graduating from Kenyon College with a Bachelor of Arts in History and extensive study in economics, Kent went on to become a commercial real estate developer in Kansas City, Missouri. In 1991, Kent joined Cantor Fitzgerald, L.P., the Manhattan securities firm. He was a partner and Managing Director and worked closely with the Chairman in resolving numerous special situations by utilizing his long-standing expertise in a myriad of business arenas. Before working in the office of the Chairman, Kent was instrumental in the development and success of the Securities Lending Desk at Cantor Fitzgerald.

In 1992, he founded the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum's "Museum Society" where he created the Salute to Freedom Award and dinner, a tradition that has raised over \$20 million for the museum. The award has honored leaders such as Presidents Reagan, Bush and Clinton; Prime Ministers Thatcher and Rabin and Secretaries Cohen and Powell.

Kent's skills and efforts proved critical to Cantor Fitzgerald's recovery after the September 11th attacks destroyed the firm's headquarters in the World Trade Center. The day after the tragedy, he organized and managed the Crisis Center to aid the 658 families of the victims of the 9/11 attacks and continued to organize Cantor's annual memorial service in honor of his fallen colleagues.

In May of 2001, Kent was named an Honorary Commodore in the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary for the 1st Southern Region. Additionally, he was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Michael Stern Parkinson's Foundation and served as the Chairman of

its Investment Committee.

Not one to miss an opportunity to do the right thing, Kent headed the team to secure temporary headquarters for Cantor Fitzgerald and directed the search for their permanent headquarters. He was instrumental in the lease negotiations for Cantor Fitzgerald's 190,000 sq. ft. new headquarters as well as Cantor's public incentives to rebuild in New York City. Concurrently, Kent was a principal in securing for Cantor Fitzgerald and other firms directly affected by the 9/11 attacks over \$30 million dollars in federal, state and city aid to rebuild.

In 2006, Honorable Scott Stringer appointed Kent as his representative to the Times Square Alliance board. Kent was also a board member for the New York City Fund for Public Advocacy, Midwest Chapter of the Leukemia Society, United States Coast Guard Foundation and the Wilbraham Monson Academy. He later joined the boards of the Intrepid Foundation and the Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research Foundation where he had served as the foundation's President and CEO since 2009.

In 2008, he married the love of his life, Brian Byrl Hauserman, in Provincetown, Massachusetts and again in a religious ceremony in New York City, NY. Mr. Hauserman was a residential broker at Prudential Douglas Elliman in Manhattan. Together, they managed the business consulting firm, Karosen Strategic Partners, LLC where Kent served as President.

They relocated to Miami Beach, Florida where Kent became enthusiastically active in the Jewish community. He served on the Board of Directors for the Temple Emanu-El Synagogue.

Kent was a force to be reckoned with and he lived his life on his own terms – to the fullest. He was very generous and saw the potential in others. He strategically figured out various ways to connect the dots and expand his influence to raise money and awareness for worthy causes. His feisty spirit will be missed by all who knew him.

Surviving Kent is his husband Brian Hauserman, sister Valerie K. Gaines, two puppies Mazel and Tova, and scores of dear friends whom he loved like family.

Tributes may be sent to the Temple Emanu-El, 1701 Washington Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida or The Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research Foundation, 110 East 42nd Street, 16th Floor, New York, NY.

A funeral will take place at Temple Emanu-El in Miami Beach, Florida on Sunday,

December 9th at 12:30pm. Arrangements by Levitt-Weinstein Blasberg-Rubin-Zilbert
Memorial Chapel (305) 932-2700

Comments



“ The Fagan Family (Fagan Air Conditioning Co.) in Kansas City wishes to extend our sincere condolences to Kent’s Family upon his passing. Our families have enjoyed decades of wonderful and mutually respectful relationships. You all have much to be proud of in this young man. He leaves a tremendous legacy of integrity. Peace to you all.

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