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Jerry Zucker Remembered

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He was known for his wealth and generosity, Sunday those who knew Jerry Zucker showed their gratitude and said good-bye.

Cancer claimed the life of the local billionaire and philanthropist Saturday. Hundreds gathered at the Synagogue Emanu-el in West Ashley for his funeral Sunday afternoon.

Jerry Zucker was the owner of Intertech Group, a global company based in Charleston. He was part owner of the Carolina Stingrays and chaired several boards including the South Carolina Aquarium, the College of Charleston and the Boy Scouts of America. Stingray's president Darren Abbott said that while he was worth billions, he will be remembered for giving back and doing so, so graciously. Abbott says, "If someone had a family problem, a death in the family, a girlfriend that was sick, he would always come down into the coach's room and say well let's fly that person home, or let's fly that girlfriend in." Charleston councilman Wendell Gilliard and others that knew him say he defined wealth not because of what he earned, but because of what he gave back. Gilliard says, "Whether it was help for Project Cool Breeze, help for for Law Enforcement Community Unity Day, he was there he would never say no."

Jerry Zucker is a native of Israel. He moved to America with his family in the 1950's and is a University of Florida graduate. Jerry Zucker was 58, and is survived by his wife Anita and their three children. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be made to the Jewish Endowment Fund at the Coastal Community Foundation, or to the Coastal Carolina Council of the Boy Scouts of America.