

Eric Bergwall, 58, Real Estate Investments Executive, Loved Reading, Movies, Music

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Eric Joseph Bergwall of Darien lost his battle against cancer at New York- Presbyterian, Columbia Hospital on Dec. 13. He was 58.

He was born in Summit, New Jersey on June 19, 1961, to Joseph Baird Bergwall and Mary Eleanor Emmitt Bergwall who predeceased him.

Eric grew up in Short Hills and Cumberland Foreside, Maine. He graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, New Hampshire; Middlebury College (BA, English 1984) Middlebury, Vermont; Amos Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College (MBA 1993) in Hanover, New Hampshire.

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Eric treasured his time in Hanover, partaking in all that the school offered and departing with dozens of lifelong friendships. He was beloved by his classmates for his sardonic wit, his unremitting loyalty and his joie de vivre.

Eric's entire career was in real estate, and his extensive knowledge of both equity and debt provided him with a rare ability to quickly identify both value and risks. These skills enabled Eric to build a very successful track record and he was highly regarded throughout the industry. Eric enjoyed mentoring young talent and was always willing to teach and nurture people across the real estate industry.

He was most recently a managing director at Clarion Partners, overseeing three separate accounts totaling \$3 billion. Eric's prior roles included being a managing director for Allianz Real Estate of America, ORIX Capital Markets, GE Capital, and ING Realty Partners.

Eric married late, having waited for the right woman — the stranger he happened to see across a crowded bar while out in New York City with his business school friends. He and Donna were married in New York City in 1997.

Spending time with his family was always his number one priority. He enjoyed cheering Emily and Chris on at soccer games and raucously applauding Matt's musical performances. Eric enjoyed the simple things in life like reading, movies, music and good conversation about anything and everything.

Eric was a dedicated employee, a devoted family man, a caring son, a kind sibling and a loyal friend. He was a rare and wonderful thing: A GOOD MAN.

Eric leaves behind his spouse of 22 years, Donna (nee: Goldmann); daughter, Emily; twin sons, Matthew and Christopher, all of Darien; brother, Barry (Jean) of Apex, North Carolina; sister, Anne (Phil Ricaurte) of Charlotte, North Carolina; nephew, Andrew (Sabine) and children of Annandale, Virginia; niece, Allison (Andrew) and children of Cary, North Carolina; cousins, in-laws and dear friends collected along the path of life.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 19, 2019 at Edward Lawrence Funeral Home, 2119 Boston Post Road, Darien.

A Memorial Service will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, Dec. 20 at the First Congregational Church, 14 Brookside Road, Darien. The family will be greeting friends and relatives at a reception after the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to [The Lustgarten Foundation](#).

— [an obituary](#) from Edward Lawrence Funeral Home, where online condolences may be left