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## Joseph P. Mosey Jr., businessman, philanthropist

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Joseph Phillip Mosey Jr., a prominent business leader and entrepreneur, philanthropy extended from Buffalo to Lebanon and was recognized by the Vatican, died Friday after a brief illness. He was 84.

Mr. Mosey was born in Buffalo to parents who had immigrated to the United States from Lebanon.

A product of and influenced by the Great Depression, Mr. Mosey overcame great adversity to become a self-made businessman and entrepreneur. He was raised on South Division Street and attended Technical High School in Buffalo

Active in community affairs for more than 50 years, he had many real estate holdings as well as business interests in publishing, hospitality, health care and collections, employing thousands of people in the community.

He also was a generous philanthropist, contributing to hundreds of nonprofit groups.

“Joe never turned away anyone who needed help but he never wanted any recognition for it. His commitment to those in need was reflective of his strong religious beliefs,” said Joel Castle, a close friend. “While he was as great a businessman as there ever was in Buffalo, he cared most about his family and his faith.”

Proud of his Lebanese heritage, Mr. Mosey helped fund the building of a hospital in Beirut, which earned him a humanitarian medal from Pope Paul VI.

Mr. Mosey also worked with Danny Thomas and former Miami Dolphins owner Joe Robbie in forming American Lebanese Syrian Associated Charities, the exclusive fundraising arm of St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital created by Thomas in 1957. He was a past president of that charity.

Mr. Mosey was on the Citizens Advisory Board of Erie Community College from 1974 to 1983. He was also on the Planning Board of the City Campus.

He was a past president of the board of directors of the Better Business Bureau, **Joseph P. Mosey Jr., businessman, philanthropist**, president of National Apostolate of Maronites, and was a board member of the American Diabetes Association and the Greater Buffalo Partnership Chamber of Commerce. Some of his awards included, the National Massabki Gold Medal Citizen Award and Ebony and Ivory Award.

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He also served in the National Guard after World War II.

Mr. Mosey is survived by four daughters JoEtte, Deebe, La Verne and Acea; a brother, Thomas; a sister, Teresa; and 11 grandchildren.

His wife, Loretta, whom he married in 1954, died in 2009.

Mr. Mosey was a parishioner at St. John Maron Church in Williamsville. He was anointed as a Knight of Malta, the Sovereign Military Hospitaller of St. John of Jerusalem and Rhodes and of Malta, as well as being a member of the Knights of St. Sharbel.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Rose of Lima Church, Parkside and Parker avenues.

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