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Chapter Mourns Jim Monaco's Passing



Jim Monaco, Sr.

The chapter and the whole Rochester HVAC community is mourning the passing of **Jim Monaco**, founder and CEO of ABR Wholesalers.

Jim was a native of Brooklyn who lived in the shadows of the old Ebbets Field. That was home to the world famous Brooklyn Dodgers.

Following graduation from Brooklyn Tech and Pratt Institute, and military service in the Army Air Force, Jim moved to Long Island and joined his uncle in the HVAC business. From there, he held sales and management positions with York Corp.

In 1960, York transferred Jim to its Rochester branch. After four

years, he bought out the Rochester distributorship and started ABR (which stands for "Always Buy Right"). The rest is history, as they say.

Jim joined ASRAE in 1956 on Long Island, and helped start the Rochester chapter when he moved here. He held a number of offices and committee chairs, including president in 1993-1994.

Besides his work with ACCA and ASHRAE, Jim held memberships in many community organizations, including the Rochester Museum & Science Center, Memorial Art Gallery, Rochester Chamber of Commerce and the Eastman House.

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