

Kelly Clarkson's Ex-Husband Brandon Blackstock Dies at 48

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Brandon Blackstock, the former husband of singer Kelly Clarkson and father of their two children, has passed away at the age of 48 after a three-year battle with cancer.

A spokesperson for Blackstock shared the news on Thursday, expressing deep sadness and gratitude for the support the family has received. "It is with great sadness that we share the news that Brandon Blackstock has passed away," the statement said. "Brandon bravely

battled cancer for more than three years. He passed away peacefully and was surrounded by family. We thank you for your thoughts and prayers and ask everyone to respect the family's privacy during this very difficult time.”

In light of the news, Kelly Clarkson announced she would be postponing the remainder of her “Studio Session” concerts in Las Vegas scheduled for this month. The singer, who rose to fame as the first winner of “American Idol,” took to Instagram to explain her decision. “While I normally keep my personal life private, this past year, my children’s father has been ill and at this moment, I need to be fully present for them,” Clarkson wrote.

Brandon Blackstock and Clarkson were married in 2013 before their separation and divorce in 2020. Throughout their marriage, the couple shared two children and maintained a focus on co-parenting despite their differences. Blackstock’s illness had become a private family matter in recent years, with Clarkson rarely commenting publicly until now.

Blackstock was a respected figure in the entertainment industry, known primarily for his work as a music manager. He was the son of Narvel Blackstock, a prominent record producer and manager, particularly known for managing country music stars. Brandon himself managed several artists within the country genre and had a background that bridged both music management and business.

Fans and colleagues from across the music industry have extended their condolences following the announcement of Blackstock’s death. His battle with cancer, which lasted more than three years, was marked by privacy and dignity, with his family asking for understanding during this difficult time.

Kelly Clarkson has earned widespread respect not only for her powerful voice and successful music career but also for her openness about personal challenges and her commitment to family. This recent announcement underlines her priority to support her children and manage her personal life away from the public eye.

The postponement of Clarkson’s Las Vegas concerts reflects the singer’s decision to focus on her family’s well-being amid this personal loss. Fans have responded with messages of support and sympathy, recognizing the need for privacy and compassion during times of grief.