

John Patrick Pfouts

John Patrick Pfouts, 71, of Naples, died Sunday, July 4, 2010, in the Bentley Village Health Care Center of complications from pancreatic cancer.

He was born in Canton, OH, on September 6, 1938, to John Robert Pfouts and Mary Patrick Pfouts who predeceased him.

On June 15, 1963, he married Cheryl Kay Copeland who survives. Survivors also include his son, David C. Pfouts of Ave Maria; his son, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren, Andrew D. and Kara Pfouts and Nicholas and Emma Pfouts of Boulder, CO; a sister and brother-in law, Nancy P. and Ben Rose of Lima, OH; and a brother and sister-inlaw, Robert P. and Karrie Westwood Pfouts of Missoula, MT.

John attended school in Canton and Lima, OH, and graduated from Lima Senior High School in 1956. He received a congressional appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy in 1956, graduating in 1960. At the Naval Academy he lettered in varsity baseball and graduated with distinction.

During his active duty as a Navy officer, he served three years aboard the cruiser USS Galveston, two years as an aide to the admiral commanding Destroyer Flotilla 8, attended the U.S. Navy Nuclear Power School, and then served a tour as operations officer on the destroyer USS Robert K. Huntington. Following seven years on active duty he resigned from the Navy to enter Harvard Business School.

Following graduation from Harvard Business School in 1969, he spent a career in the financial services industry with Control Data Corporation and its subsidiary, Commercial Credit Corporation, and later, a health care company and a venture capital firm. His business leadership positions included serving as president of Commercial Credit Corporation Limited of Canada, president of Control Data Community Ventures Fund, Inc., and various vice president positions at Commercial Credit and Control Data.

John took great pleasure in music and singing. At the Naval Academy he was a member of the Chapel Choir. He sang in several church choirs, most recently that of the First Presbyterian Church of Naples, and was a member of the Naples Philharmonic Center Chorale. John was a member of the Country Club of Naples.

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