

JOHN PATRICK PFOUTS

Pfouts, John Patrick 71, of Naples, Florida, and formerly of Edina, died Sunday, July 4, 2010, in the Bentley Village Health Care Center in North Naples, Florida, of complications from pancreatic cancer. He was diagnosed with the disease in 1996 and defied the odds by waging a successful battle against it for over fourteen years.

Mr. Pfouts was born in Canton, Ohio, 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 sons, David C. Pfouts of Ave Maria, Florida, and Andrew D. (Kara) Pfouts of Boulder, Colorado; two grandchildren, Nicholas and Emma Pfouts both of Boulder, Colorado; a sister, Nancy P. (Ben) Rose, of Lima, Ohio; and a brother, Robert P. (Karrie Westwood) Pfouts, of Missoula, Montana. Mr. Pfouts attended school in Canton and Lima, Ohio, and graduated from Lima Senior High School in 1956. He received a congressional appointment to the U S Naval Academy in 1956, graduating with distinction in 1960. As an active duty naval officer he served three years aboard the cruiser USS Galveston, two years as an aide to the admiral commanding Destroyer Flotilla 8, graduated from the U S Navy Nuclear Power School, and then completed a tour as operations officer on the destroyer USS Robert K. Huntington. Following seven years active duty he resigned from the Navy to enter Harvard Business School from which he graduated in 1969. Mr. Pfouts spent a career in the financial services industry which included positions with Control Data Corporation and its subsidiary, Commercial Credit Corporation, and later with Medtronic Inc., Moore- Juran & Co., and John G. Kinnard & Co. His business leadership positions included serving as President of Commercial Credit Corporation Limited of Canada, President of Control Data Community Ventures Fund, Inc., various vice president positions at Commercial Credit and Control Data, chief financial officer at Medtronic Inc., and a vice presidency at John G. Kinnard & Co. Mr. Pfouts was a member of Interlachen Country Club. Mr. Pfouts loved vocal music and baseball. At the Naval Academy he was the starting catcher on Navy's baseball team and was a member of the Chapel Choir. He sang in several church choirs, including that of Edina's Good Samaritan United Methodist Church, and was a member of the Naples Philharmonic Center Chorale.

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