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DUFFY SWAN BIOGRAPHY

D. F. “Duffy” Swan was born in Spokane, Washington but graduated from Sandia High School (1963) and the University of New Mexico (1968) with a BA in Political Science. Also, he has attended Executive summer programs at both Harvard and Wharton.

Duffy devoted 35 years in the telecommunications industry, beginning with (then) Mountain Bell in 1965. He served in a number of management and executive capacities in the former Bell System and with USWEST. In 1986, he became Vice President and CEO for USWEST-New Mexico.

In 1991, Duffy became part of USWEST’s International Division and directed start up businesses in Russia, Hungary and Malaysia.

He retired from USWEST International in 1997 but returned to the telecomm industry in 2000 when he became Vice President for a rural, domestic (quasi-start up) VALOR Telecomm.

In 2004, he became President and COO of French Mortuary, Inc. and the French family of companies. In January 2008, he was named President and CEO of the French Family of Companies and was named Chairman in July, 2011 (when Tom Antram became President/CEO). Between 1998 and 2004, Duffy served two different periods as UNM’s Director of Development and President of its Foundation.

He serves on several community boards and he is the 2002 recipient of the New Mexico Ethics in Business Award. He is married to his high school sweetheart, Jean Ann, and they have two married daughters, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Duffy is an early morning exerciser and bike rider and enjoys hiking, fishing, reading, music and travel with family and friends.



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