

Duane D. Pearsall
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Personal

Born March 3, 1922, Pontiac, Michigan
Married Marjorie Lee Fewel, 1944; 4 adult children

Education

Roosevelt High School, Keego Harbor Michigan, graduated 1940
General Motors Institute (now Kettering University), 1940-1942
University of Denver, B. S., B.A., 1947
Worcester Polytechnic Institute, honorary Doctor of Science, 1996

Navy

1942-1944 Naval air navigator, North Atlantic
1944-1945 Naval air pilot; discharged after WW II with rank of lieutenant
1948-1954 Naval Air Reserve, Buckley Field, Denver

Business

1948-1955 Honeywell; regional construction manager, Denver

1955-1967 Pearsall Co., Denver; founder; manufacturer's agent, heating and air conditioning

1963-1977 Statitrol Corp., Lakewood, Colorado, founder, developed and manufactured first commercial ionization smoke detector in US 1967; manufactured first battery powered home smoke detector, 1970; sold company to Emerson Electric, 1977

1978-1982 Small Business Development Corp., Golden, Colorado; consultant services

1983-1993 Columbine Venture Funds, Denver; co-founder and general partner.

1993 Retired from business

Affiliations (partial list)

1973 National Fire Protection Association; household fire warning committee

1974 Lakewood, Colorado Chamber of Commerce; board of directors

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- 1975-1978 Denver Chamber of Commerce; board of directors
- 1976 U.S. Chamber of Commerce Small Business Council; founder and charter member
- 1977-2000 Small Business High Technology Institute; board of directors
- 1979 Colorado Small Business Council; chairman
- 1982-1984 Colorado Supreme Court Nominating Commission
- 1982-1989 Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry; board of directors; chairman 1985-1986
- 1988-1989 Colorado Commission on Government Productivity; co-chairman
- 1988-2001 Osage Initiatives, Denver (employment of homeless); board of directors; chairman 1990-1993
- 1989-1992 Colorado Health Policy Council
- 1991-1992 Colorado Commission on Fire Prevention and Control
- 1992-1996 Colorado Strategic Seed Fund Council; chairman

Awards

- 1976 "Colorado Small Business Person of the Year," U.S. Small Business Administration
- 1976 Received SBA's "National Small Business Person of the Year" award from President Gerald Ford in Washington, D.C. ceremony
- 1978 "Outstanding Citizen"; Mile Hi Sertoma Club
- 1979 "Small Business Advocate of the Year," Denver Chamber of Commerce
- 1980 "Fire Protection Man of the Year," Society of Fire Protection Engineers
- 1980 "Honorary Fire Chief," Denver Fire Department

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- 1986** "Denver's Ten Most Distinguished," Denver Business Magazine
- 1990** "Entrepreneur of the Year Supporter;" INC Magazine
- 1991** "Franklin/Jefferson" award, Small Business High Tech Institute
- 1993** "Duane Pearsall Entrepreneurial Award" established by Rockies Venture Club. Recipients have included Governor Roy Romer, John Elway, Bill Daniels (posthumously), Denver Mayor John W. Hickenlooper.
- 1996** Honorary Doctor of Science, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- 2004** "Technical Humanist" presidential award, Worcester Polytechnic Institute