



ROBERT J. WIGLEY

Bob hails from Mankato, Minnesota, where he was born and raised until he attended the University of Minnesota where he obtained his degree in Business Administration. Once out of college, he headed off to serve our country in the Korean War for two years.

When he returned to the states, he was hired by Rockwell International in their Marketing Department. At the age of 34, Bob took the initiative and asked Rockwell management if he could take over product line in four states—Minnesota, Iowa and North and South Dakota. This bold move meant relieving those reps and starting a distributorship of his own, which rapidly grew and succeeded controlling the central US market for Rockwell products. In 1988, Rockwell approached him with a buyout offer and the opportunity to stay on as a consultant for one year. This put Bob in early retirement at age 49, which was just too soon for him. A lumber company, Great Plains Supply, was on the market for sale at that time, and Bob and his son snatched it up and built the company up into 39 supply centers by the time he really retired in 1994.

Sanibel Island became a permanent home to Bob, and he has been active in the community in many ways. The Good Neighbor Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva Board has welcomed Bob's business knowledge since he joined them in 2000 as one of the original founders. Other boards he has served on are:

- Hope Hospice – 8 years
- Island Water Association
- Big Arts
- Sanibel-Captiva Trust Company
- PURRE
- Redevelopment Housing for Sanibel
- United Way
- Uncommon Friends

Bob is married to Ann Moran, and they are the parents of three children: Michael, Tom and Kristin (deceased). They enjoy Sanibel but still return to the Illinois area for summers.