

Robert Henry Canning**March 21, 1926 - January 28, 2009**

Robert passed away peacefully in Marco Island, having lived a rich, full and rewarding life. He will be greatly missed by his wife Anne-Marie, children Barbara and Peter (Lori) granddaughters Christine, Sandy, Brooke, Rachel and Erin, numerous nieces and nephews as well as his sister Ruth (Bob).

In 1953 Robert contracted polio, and for the rest of his life he demonstrated the resourcefulness and skill of one who has an indomitable spirit and a “can do” attitude. Not only did he survive the epidemic, he surpassed all obstacles and went on to inspire the lives of everyone he touched. In a career that spanned forty years, Bob Canning left an indelible mark on Toronto’s financial community. In his philanthropic activities, he quietly touched the lives and health of countless people through his interest and contributions to organizations such as West Park Health Care Centre, The University Health Network (Peter Munk Cardiac Centre), March of Dimes and various arts groups in Toronto.

Robert served on the board of Ontario March of Dimes in the mid-80’s, and stayed active on the President’s Advisory Council, and through support to numerous initiatives such as the recreation program, assistive devices program and the Post-Polio Program.

Bob's passions in life were Anne-Marie, jazz, summers in Muskoka, his often troublesome antique boats and the game of golf. He despised cold winters in Toronto and was fortunate to be able to escape to his warm Marco Island beach house.