In 1999, C. Donald Ainsworth retired from the Safety National Casualty Corporation, where he’d served as executive vice president, chief operating officer, and vice president of government affairs. He continued to serve as a member of the board and consultant to the corporation until 2011.

Mr. Ainsworth was born in Mason City, Illinois, and after receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing from the University of Illinois, he became an FBI Agent. He left the FBI in 1944 to enlist in the U.S. Navy and served as a cryptographer in Hawaii and Guam. While at the University of Illinois, he met and later married Carolyn Smith, the mother of his two children, Maryan and Chuck. Carolyn passed away in 1983.

After World War II, Mr. Ainsworth attended Washington University School of Law where he was elected student body president and served as chairman of the Ethics Committee. He received his JD in 1948.

Mr. Ainsworth spent his career working in property and casualty insurance. After graduating from law school, he was employed by Insurers Service Corporation. In 1955, he founded his own agency, Ainsworth Insurance Service, which merged with Alexander & Alexander in 1974. He served as managing vice president of A&A’s St. Louis office and retired from A&A in 1980. The following year, Governor Kit Bond appointed him director of the Missouri Department of Insurance, where he served almost five years before joining Safety National Casualty Corporation.

Mr. Ainsworth was a longtime resident of Kirkwood, Missouri, but has lived in Chesterfield since 1973. While in Kirkwood, he served on the City Council, was president of the Chamber of Commerce, was chairman of the Project 100 Committee during the Kirkwood Centennial Celebration, was chairman of the R-7 School Board Special Citizen’s Committee, and was a member of the Kirkwood YMCA Board of Directors.

He was also an active member of the St. Louis and Missouri Bar Associations’ Insurance Committees for many years. He is a past president of the St. Louis County Library Board and a member of the Society of Former FBI Agents, the Society of Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriters, Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity, and Alpha Tau Omega social fraternity. He is a 32nd Degree Mason, and a Shriner, Moolah Temple.

In 1984, he married Marilyn Mueller, whose husband, Wilbert, passed away in 1983. Marilyn and Wilbert are the parents of one child, their son, Mark.