



# Karl Davis Swain

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## **Karl Davis Swain**

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**K**arl Davis Swain, 85, a longtime resident of Carmel, Indiana, died on December 16, 2024, in Powder Spring, Georgia. He was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on November 5, 1939, to the late Huber and Mary Eunice (Davis) Swain of Lizton, Indiana. Karl graduated Valedictorian from Lizton High School in 1957. He then joined the US Army and was stationed at Fort Wainwright in Fairbanks, Alaska. After the Army, he attended Indiana University, Bloomington, where he met his future wife, Charlotte. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business from IU in 1964. He and Charlotte were married on June 19, 1965. The couple settled in Carmel, Indiana, as newlyweds and lived there for the next 58 years. Karl spent his last few years living in Tennessee and Georgia to be closer to his daughters and grandchildren.

Professionally, Karl worked as an accountant and auditor. He spent the majority of his career at ITT Educational Services as an internal auditor where he traveled across the United States. His career fed his passion for traveling, where he was able explore US cities, visit relatives and friends from across the country, and try local cuisines in every location. He proudly visited all 50 states as well as most of the Presidential Libraries.

Throughout his life, Karl had a gift for stewardship. He volunteered hundreds of hours visiting with people who needed companionship. After retiring, he took this passion and became a licensed minister through the Commission on Ministry of the Christian Church in Indiana (Disciples of Christ) and served as a pastor of Congregational Care at Carmel Christian Church, the church where he was a member for over 50 years.

Karl loved local politics. He served on the Clay Township Advisory Board from 1981 - 1998 and was a precinct committeeman for the Woodland Precinct for over 30 years. He was also a delegate for the state Republican Convention multiple times. He was



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active in the Carmel Clay Republican Club throughout his time in Carmel.

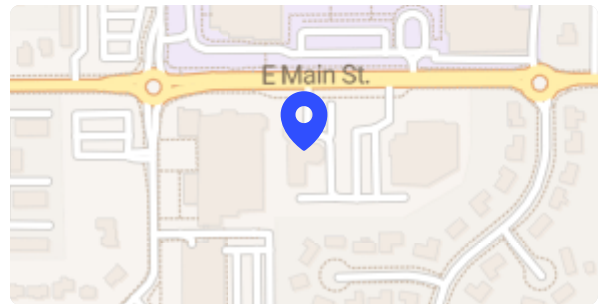
He is preceded in death by his wife of 48 years, Charlotte (Robbins) Swain; and his dear friend, Judy (Funk) Gest. He is survived by his brother, Ken (Brenda) Swain, Lizton, Indiana; daughter, Laurie (Chris) Vesper of Powder Springs, Georgia; son, George Swain of Indianapolis; daughter, Bethany (Warwick) Stone of Nashville, Tennessee; and grandchildren, James Vesper, Hannah Vesper, Sparrow (née Beatrix) Stone, August Stone, and Charlotte Stone.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, January 18th from 4-6pm and a Celebration of Life Service will be held on Sunday, January 19th at 1:30pm, both events at Carmel Christian Church, 463 East Main Street, Carmel, IN 46032. Burial will be at the Fairview Cemetery in North Salem, Indiana. Memorial contributions may be made to the Carmel Christian Church Memorial Fund in Karl's name at the above address.



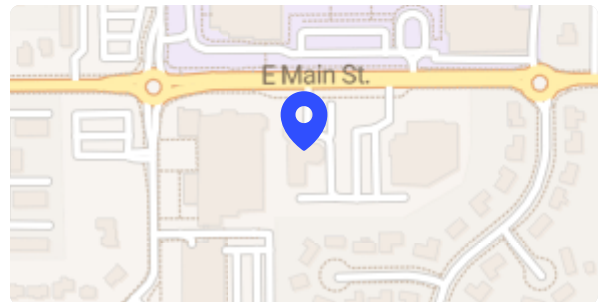
## Family Receiving Friends

- Saturday**, January 18, 2025
- 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET
- Carmel Christian Church**  
463 East Main Street, Carmel IN 46032



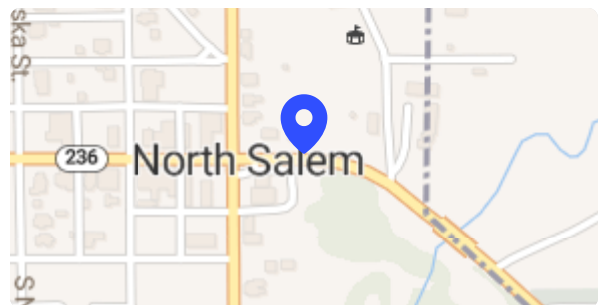
## Celebration of Life

- Sunday**, January 19, 2025
- 1:30 PM ET
- Carmel Christian Church**  
463 East Main Street, Carmel IN 46032



## Cemetery Details

- Fairview Cemetery**  
IN-236, North Salem IN 46165





## Tribute Wall

**Karl Davis Swain**



**From, Angela And The Entire Tsa Team.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Karl.



January 13 at 6:53 AM



**From, Angela And The Entire Tsa Team.** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Swain family.



January 13 at 6:53 AM



**Lara Coutinho-Dean** posted:

I grew up with Bethany in Carmel, IN, and I remember Mr. Swain fondly. I knew nothing of politics at the time, so his collection of elephants were just cute to me then. Nowadays I appreciate his involvement in local government, and I'm glad he was available to my parents for offering his perspective. He was always kind and supportive of the many activities Bethany had growing up. He was a wonderful Dad, and I'm grateful for his presence in my life. - Lara Coutinho-Dean.

January 7 at 1:38 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Karl by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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