



Robert E. Swartz

August 22, 1941 - January 23, 2026

Robert E. Swartz, a Merrillville-based CPA, who joined his father's firm, Swartz, Retson & Co., as an accounting apprentice, and stayed for more than five decades mostly as a managing partner, before reluctantly retiring from his legacy, died peacefully at his home on January 23, 2026. He was 84. He was born on August 22, 1941, in Gary, Indiana, to Eugene Swartz, who was the city's mayor during his son's childhood, and Sophia Swartz, a volunteer at the Saint Mary's Hospital Auxiliary. Mr. Swartz graduated from William A. Wirt High School and the Indiana University School of Business, where he was a fraternity brother at Alpha Tau Omega. He also attended the Graduate School of Business Administration at Northwestern University. He once was president of the Visiting Nurse Association, University Club and the Andean Foundation. And the Indiana CPA Society counted him as a 50-year member, serving on the Board of Directors and Leadership Cabinet. When taking a break from numbers, some of his fondest memories were flying his Cherokee Archer plane, watching auto racing, strolling the shore of Miller Beach and shopping with his wife and girls.

His older sister, Judie (Roger) Shurr, died in 2018. He is survived by his younger sister, Mari Jo (Daniel) Stewart. His wife, Bonnie Swartz, to whom he was wed for 58 years, also survives, along with their three daughters, Julie, Brenda and Allison Swartz; son-in-law, Eric Mango; and his dear granddaughter, Magdalen Swartz-Mango.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
509 W Division Rd
Valparaiso, IN 46385
(219) 464-1624

Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall

DA

“ *Debbie, Laurie, Scott, Kathleen and Amy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert E. Swartz.*

Debbie, Laurie, Scott, Kathleen and Amy - January 28 at 10:28 AM

DA

“ *Debbie, Laurie, Scott, Kathleen and Amy purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Robert E. Swartz.*



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LJ

“ *Lonnie, Paul & John purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Robert E. Swartz.*



Lonnie, Paul & John - January 28 at 10:25 AM

JT

“ *Julie & Jim Tuerff purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robert E. Swartz.*



Julie & Jim Tuerff - January 28 at 10:23 AM

JT

“ Julie & Jim Tuerff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert E. Swartz.

Julie & Jim Tuerff - January 28 at 10:23 AM

LD

“ Love always, Rayna, Laurie and David purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Robert E. Swartz.



Love always, Rayna, Laurie and David - January 28 at 10:22 AM

LD

“ Love always, Rayna, Laurie and David planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert E. Swartz.

Love always, Rayna, Laurie and David - January 28 at 10:22 AM

EL

“ Hi Bonnie,
I am so sorry for the loss of your Bob. May you find peace in his memory. Hugs
Elise

Elise - January 27 at 07:18 PM

RK

“ *Bob was a wonderful friend. He started doing my accounting in 1967 and his firm continues to this day. We went through a number of IRS audits over the years. Bob navigated the audits with the IRS expertly, even when he was a very young CPA. He and his wonderful wife, Bonnie, were a perfect couple and great friends of my wife, Nancy and me. God rest his soul! I look forward to seeing him again. Please, Lord, watch over Bob in heaven and Bonnie and their 3 daughters here on earth. Dick Klaas*

Richard Klaas - January 27 at 09:53 AM