

Senate Reference No. 25-5

**Memorial Resolution for  
David E Switzer**

David E Switzer, age 78, died peacefully on October 16, 2025. Born in 1947, Dave received his doctorate from the University of Illinois. Dave was a Communications Professor Dave taught oral communications at IPFW and Manchester College.

An amateur umpire, he traveled North America participating in all levels of international baseball tournaments. Known as “Doc” by umpire friends, Dave spent most of his life in Fort Wayne, living in Wabash, IN. He also lived in Champaign, IL, and in Albany, NY.

Dave will be remembered for his zeal for life and for his diverse passions: sports, travel, and cooking. He fervently rooted for his alma mater’s Fighting Illini as well as the New York Yankees and readily enjoyed officiating high school football. Always an adventure seeker and a learner, Dave was an avid traveler. He attended culinary school in Italy multiple times.

Dave is survived by his wife Jo, of Longmont, Colorado; his son, Matt Switzer and two grandchildren, Elijah and Emily Switzer, who affectionately referred to Dave as “Pop;” his stepchildren Sarah and John Keller; and John’s daughter, Miriam Keller.