

Senate Reference No. 25-6

**Memorial Resolution for
Ann (Mauger) Colbert**

Ann (Mauger) Colbert, 82, of Paoli, Indiana passed away Wednesday, May 14, 2025, in Bloomington, Indiana. She was born in East Chicago, Indiana on August 29, 1942, to Donald Mauger and Ruth Huddleson Mauger. She was preceded in death by her parents and long-time Partner, Steven Hollander.

Ann grew up in Paoli, Indiana. She graduated from Paoli High School in 1960 and continued on to study journalism at IU-Bloomington, graduating in 1980, and earned a master's degree in education in 1987. Ann was hired at IPFW as an assistant director of the IPFW News Bureau and Publications in 1980, staying for one year before taking the director of publications position at the IU Foundation in Bloomington. In 1986, Ann was hired as an associate faculty member in the IPFW journalism program, then housed in the English department. By 1990, Ann was the full-time journalism program coordinator. She eventually retired in 2011. Ann's area of research was women's day newspapers of the 1800s, focusing on the special edition, women-produced newspapers, an annual event during that period for charity or fundraising events.

Applying her skills and talents as a reporter at the Indianapolis Star, Ann promoted high standards of ethics and professionalism in newsgathering practices underscoring the importance and impact of storytelling on our lives, community, and larger political landscape. Ann's legacy is deeply embedded in the many students who had the fortune of having her as their professor and continues in the dynamic students who continue to benefit from her foundational work. She will be remembered for her wealth of knowledge, and her setting a high bar for engagement in her community.

Ann is survived by her children, Paul Colbert of Paoli, IN and Kirsten Dean (Jonathan Polacheck) of Austin, TX, and two grandchildren, Molly and Dean.