



Paul Whitney Swain Jr

October 29, 1954 - April 12, 2026

Paul Whitney Swain Jr., 71, of Bloomington, IN, passed away on April 12th, 2026.

He was born October 29th, 1954 in Washington, D.C. to Paul Whitney Swain Sr. and Addie Lee Swain (née Dupree). After graduating from St. Anselm's Abbey School in D.C. in 1972, he moved to Bloomington to attend Indiana University where he studied English and Law, ultimately earning his Juris Doctor. After being admitted to the Indiana State Bar he went on to practice law in Bloomington until his passing. Paul had the distinct honor of being the first African American elected to the Bloomington City Council and proudly served as a Member at Large from 1992 to 1995. Paul was a music aficionado, an avid musician, and enjoyed playing guitar in a multitude of bands over the years. He also enjoyed good arguments, good books, trivia, and playing golf.

He is survived by his son, Paul Whitney Swain III (Naomi) of Ellensburg, WA; grandchildren, Adara and Micaiah; and siblings, Valerie Swain of Washington, D.C. and Mark Swain of Washington, D.C. He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul Whitney Swain Sr. and Addie Lee Swain. A celebration of life for Paul will be held at Allen Funeral Home, 4155 S Old State Rd 37, Bloomington, IN on Sunday April 19th, 2026 from 2 pm until 4 pm. A memorial service will be held at the funeral home during this time at 2:45 pm. A

memorial plaque will be placed in Washington, D.C. at the family plot on a future date.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 19. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Memorial Service

APR 19. 2:45 PM - 3:15 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Leroy P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Whitney Swain Jr.*

Leroy P. - May 25 at 03:39 PM



“ *We were sitting at Hoosier bar and grill when they announced karaoke was going to start. It was Paul's turn to break the rack on the pool table. I could not find him anywhere. Then all of a sudden, I heard him singing Prince. He nailed it. I miss you, Paul.*

Charles Jean - April 28 at 08:09 PM

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“ *Joey, Skip and Linda Kerr purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Paul Whitney Swain Jr.*



Joey, Skip and Linda Kerr - April 18 at 01:05 PM

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“ *Paul was indeed a very close friend to me in the 80's and 90's while I lived in Bloomington. I played with him in The Talking Band early on in his musical journey. His company was always filled with humor, laughter and a creative vibe that made you look forward to his company. We often had many meaningful conversations on music, friendship, and books. I will always cherish my time with him. I considered him one of my best friends. Paul you will be missed!*

Herb Taylor - April 16 at 09:05 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Paul Whitney Swain Jr.*



April 15 at 12:41 PM