

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**  
**David Gotlob**  
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David Gotlob was born, raised and educated in southeastern Pennsylvania, near the heart of the Pennsylvania Amish community. He completed a baccalaureate degree in history from Muhlenberg College, followed by four years of service in the United States Air Force. After his military service he entered the graduate program at the University of Missouri-Columbia where he earned a Master of Science degree in Accounting.

David joined the Standard Oil Company of Chicago as an accountant, but discovered soon thereafter that his heart was in academia working with young people. Consequently, he returned to the University of Missouri and entered the Ph.D. program in accountancy. While at Missouri, his never-ending efforts at improving his teaching skills earned him not only a reputation for diligence and dedication to his students, but also several teaching awards and acknowledgments for his scholarly endeavors.

He accepted a faculty position at Indiana University-Bloomington where he continued to receive recognition as a committed and concerned teacher and scholar. However, David desired a smaller university where there was a greater opportunity to work more closely with students. He and his wife moved to the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh, where David's research program resulted in a number of presentations and papers. After three years David and his wife wished to be closer to family members living in Indiana and, in 1991, he accepted a faculty position at IPFW.

David quickly established himself as an important member of the department. It was evident early on that he was an excellent classroom instructor. Students loved his courses, not only because it was evident that he genuinely cared about their academic success, but also for the organization, presentation skills, and humor that he incorporated into every class. The high regard students had for him was apparent in his excellent course evaluations, the many testimonial letters he received from graduates, and the genuine fondness that all of his students had for him. Examples of his relationship as a mentor to students are many and varied, and resulted in several teaching awards and the granting of promotion and tenure based upon excellence in teaching. Perhaps the best and most telling description of David's philosophy is to paraphrase what he so frequently told his colleagues: that we as instructors at IPFW have a wonderful opportunity to help students make meaningful changes in their lives, and that we should hold that ability close to our hearts never forgetting the good that we can do for our students.

His colleagues and peers held him in high esteem also. They admired his broad knowledge and wide range of interests. He was exceedingly well read and appreciative of the fine arts, an avid sports fan, and always "one of the guys" at social and professional gatherings. He had a quick wit and a good sense of humor that served him well when his duties as chair of the Department of Accounting and Finance became at times too intense and overwhelming. He earned from faculty

members their full confidence in his abilities as a scholar and faculty leader and gave him their full respect and support.

David's unexpected death was a tremendous loss to his IPFW friends and colleagues. It was a devastating loss for his wife and two young daughters. We will never quite fill the void that his death has left in our hearts. We miss him very much.