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Yonover, former Gary mayor press aide, dies

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Joel Yonover, 62, who served as the first press secretary to former Gary mayor Richard Hatcher, died Friday at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.

Funeral services for the former Munster resident who made his home in

Indianapolis will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, 600

W. 70th St.

Arrangements for his funeral are through Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Meridian

Mortuary of Indianapolis.

Yonover, who was born in Gary and graduated from Horace Mann High School,

lived in Northwest Indiana until 1982.

He received his associate bachelor degree in speech and theater from Indiana University and his law degree from Indiana University School of Law.

Yonover also had studied at the Pasadena Playhouse Theater in California and had been a member of the former Gary Players, a Northwest Indiana theater group.

At the time of his death, he was serving as senior partner of Dann, Pecar,

Newman and Kleiman, with offices in Indianapolis and Highland. He was also the

chairman at Unisure Inc. and Universal Fire and Casualty Co., both in Munster.

Yonover held a number of offices, including former treasurer of the Indiana Bar Association. He was a recognized authority on tax law, having published

many articles.

As a co-facilitator, he was instrumental in bring the Colts to Indianapolis.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Gross Yonover; three sons, Scott D.

Yonover, Bradley N. Yonover and Paul Matthew Yonover, and one brother, Allen Yonover.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Heart Association, the Jewish Welfare Federation of Indianapolis or the charity of the donor's choice.

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