



Sam Gove, fixture in Illinois politics, dies at 87

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URBANA -- Samuel Gove, a longtime fixture in Illinois politics, has died after a short illness at an Urbana hospital. He was 87.

The Institute of Government and Public Affairs at the University of Illinois, where he was director emeritus, says Gove died early Friday.

Gove directed the institute for many years and was a U of I political science professor. He founded **Illinois Issues magazine** and served on the magazine's advisory board for 28 years.

Former Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar says Gove was one of his mentors. And Robert Rich, the current director of the institute, says Gove was "Mr. Illinois."

No visitation or funeral services are planned. A celebration of Gove's life will be planned for a later date.

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