

# GARY P. KEITH

## Death Notice

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KEITH GARY P. KEITH (1958 - 2013) Gary P. Keith passed away on May 10, 2013 in Arlington at the age of 54 from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). Mr. Keith was a Senior Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State.

He worked as the Counselor for Public Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Santiago, Chile from 2010 to 2012. He also served in that position in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (2007-10), as well as in The Hague, The Netherlands (2005-07). Earlier he was Cultural Affairs Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok, Thailand (2000-04). In Chile Mr. Keith was the President of the Fulbright commission's board of directors, and he served as Vice Chair of the Fulbright commission while in The Netherlands and Thailand. Mr. Keith worked at other U.S. embassies: as Information Officer in Bogotá, Colombia (1994-97), Cultural Affairs Officer in Managua, Nicaragua (1992-94), Information Officer in San José, Costa Rica (1991-92), and Executive Director of the Costa Rican-American Cultural Center (1989-91). Mr. Keith was recipient of the U.S. Department of State's Superior Honor and Meritorious Honor awards. Before becoming a Foreign Service Officer, Mr. Keith arranged educational exchange programs at Meridian House International in Washington, D.C. (1985-87). He received a B.A. degree in English in 1980 from Wheaton College (Illinois), where he sang in the Men's Glee Club and served as a counselor at the college's Honey Rock Camp. In addition, Mr. Keith received an M.A. degree in English in 1985 from [Ohio State University](#), where he taught composition. In 1980-81, Mr. Keith supervised agricultural projects as well as food distribution in refugee camps in Thailand and Cambodia under the auspices of the NGO "Food for the Hungry International". Mr. Keith was born in Glen Ridge, New Jersey on July 2, 1958, the son of Paul F. Keith, MD, and Anna J. Keith. He grew up in the Columbus, Ohio area, and graduated from Upper Arlington High School in 1976. He is survived by his wife Greetje Bouwhof of Falls Church, Virginia and by their daughters Lauren and Emaline. Mr. Keith is also survived by his parents, brother Dirk Keith and sister Linda Keith of Upper Arlington, Ohio. A Celebration of Gary's life will be held on Sunday June 2nd from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Club Room at 502 W. Broad Str., Falls Church, VA 22046 (entrance on N. Lee Str.), where his family resides in Apt. 308. In lieu of flowers the family suggests that a donation be made to The Robert Packard Center for ALS Research at Johns Hopkins, or to a [charity of your choice](#). In lieu of flowers the family suggests that a donation be made to The Robert Packard Center for ALS Research at Johns Hopkins, or to a [charity of your choice](#).