



Allan Francis Keeth

November 1, 1926 - June 30, 2021

Allan Francis (F.) Keeth, age 94, passed away at his home in Sanford/Lake Mary, June 30, 2021. Born in Kansas City, Missouri, he was the son of the late Jacob A. and Frances L. Keeth.

Allan was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Geraldine A. (Jerry) (Rollberg) Keeth (d.2006) and is survived by sons William Don (Dana), Belmont, Massachusetts, Robert Allan (Christine), Bend, Oregon, and daughter Elizabeth Ann Miller (George), Tallahassee, Florida, grandsons Sean Keeth, Savannah, Georgia, Graham Keeth, Cambridge, Massachusetts, Ryan Keeth, Providence, Rhode Island, Evan Miller and Taylor Miller, both of Tallahassee, Florida, and granddaughter Rikki Bode, Daytona, Florida, and dear friend Helen Minter, Overland Park, Kansas.

Mr. Keeth enjoyed many hobbies including boating, fishing, traveling, reading and 'puttering' around the house. Growing up in the midwest, he was an Eagle Scout. He will be remembered for his love of all things Scottish, and in particular, his enjoyment in reciting the "Ode to the Haggis," and ceremoniously leading the "Kirkin' O' The Tartan" in brogue while fully kilted for the occasions.

Mr. Keeth attended Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri, and graduated from Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, with a degree in

Mechanical Engineering. He was a Navy veteran in World War II. He was employed for twelve years by Dowell Incorporated, and Dow Industrial Service (both divisions of Dow Chemical Company), primarily in service to the oil well drilling industry, prior to moving to Florida.

Settling in Sanford, he founded and operated a heating and air conditioning business. Mr. Keeth was elected to the School Board of Seminole County in 1966, and served through 1982. He was president of the Florida School Boards Association in 1975-76. His service to the school system was recognized in the naming of Keeth Elementary School, in Winter Springs. Mr. Keeth was a member of the Sanford Lodge #62, F&AM, the Sanford York Rite Bodies, Orlando Scottish Rite Bodies and Bahia Shrine Temple, AAONMS. He was a member of the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem, a life member of the Keith Clan Society USA, Inc., and a former member of the St. Andrew's Society of Central Florida.

Mr. Keeth was a long time member of the First Presbyterian Church of Sanford and attended First Presbyterian Church of Lake Mary before his death.

A Memorial Service will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Lake Mary at 3:00 PM on Saturday, July 10, 2121.

Private interment will be in Evergreen Municipal Cemetery, Sanford.

Memorial donations may be made to the Shriner's Hospitals for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607, or the Hospice organization of your choice.

The family of Allan Francis Keeth invites you to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall created in his loving memory.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 10. 3:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Lake Mary

128 West Wilbur Avenue

Lake Mary, FL 32746-2916

(407) 321-1021

<http://www.fpclakemary.org>

Tribute Wall

JD

“ *I never met Mr. Keeth in person. But I spoke with him on the phone at my work.
I would just call to say Hello. He touched me and I was heartbroken to hear of his passing. Prayers to all of the family.*

*Jennifer D.
St. Louis MO.*

jennifer d - July 15, 2021 at 10:31 AM

LL

“ *Praying for you all. Loved knowing him as a neighbor, fellow church member, and always engaging political "foil." Dear man, dedicated public servant. End of an era on Crystal View South, but the Keeth clan can visit anytime they would like. Forever neighbors and friends.*

Laura Layer - July 10, 2021 at 09:14 AM

MS

“ *Dear Keeth Family,*

Mr. Keeth was a fixture at social hour. Always cordial and a real gentleman. We, here at Oakmonte Village will miss him too.

Condolences,

Michael Slagel

Michael Slagel - July 08, 2021 at 02:56 PM

BS

“ *Buff, your dad was a Sanford legend, and one of my favorite people on the planet. Such a gift to my family! ❤️*

Betty Ann Slaton - July 04, 2021 at 07:15 PM

DJ

“ *Dear Don & Dana, I'm very sorry to hear of your dad's passing, Don. I had just talked to Aaron the other day because I told him I saw your name in a piece Gene Kruckemyer wrote about his long association w/UCF. Send me an email sometime (djohnson3367@cf.lrr.com) so we can catch up. My condolences. Dean Johnson*

Dean C Johnson - July 04, 2021 at 03:46 PM

OM

“ *It was an honor to know and work with your father during his service on the Seminole County School Board. His knowledge and dedication was exemplary. Karen and I send our deepest sympathies. Owen Mc Carron*

Owen McCarron - July 04, 2021 at 02:22 PM

HM

“ *Allan Keeth was very proud of his family.*

Helen Minteer - July 04, 2021 at 07:28 AM

CM

“ *Dear Don and family,*

*May your faith and our prayers provide comfort as you celebrate,
remember the full life of your Dad and mourn his passing,*

*Love and prayers,
Chet and Joyce Messer
Belmont, MA*

Chet and Joyce Messer - July 03, 2021 at 05:31 PM