

Robert Francis Keith, 70, died Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007.

He was born Dec. 30, 1936, in Gowanda, N.Y., to Emma V. Keith. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and worked for several years as a television producer. He graduated from Southwest Texas State University in 1979 and received a master of divinity degree from the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest in 1982.

He was ordained as a priest in the Episcopal church in 1983. He spent the majority of his ministry in Texas, serving as the assistant rector of Christ Episcopal Church in San Antonio and the rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in New Braunfels. He also spent time as a missionary with the Diocese of Uganda. After retirement, he moved to Tiger, where he served as a regional supply priest. He enjoyed cooking, especially on the grill, and sharing food and fellowship with others.

Survivors include: his wife, Portia Wimp; two sons and daughters-in-law, Christopher R. and Michelle Mathewson-Keith of Fort Collins, Colo., and Timothy O. and Kaaren Mathewson-Keith of Denver; a daughter, Pamela A. Jensen of Colorado; two stepdaughters and stepsons-in-law, Kellie A. and Paul Mysinger of Bowling Green, Ky., and Stacey K. and Bryn Pounds of Marlow, England; nine grandchildren; and one stepgrandchild.

A memorial service was held Tuesday at St. James Episcopal Church in Clayton. An additional memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Nov. 8 at St. John's Episcopal Church in New Braunfels, Texas.

Memorial contributions can be made to one's favorite church or charity. Beck Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. An online register is available at [www.beckfuneralhome.com](http://www.beckfuneralhome.com).

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