



Dr. Keith Geyer

June 2, 1936 - June 15, 2025

Dr. Keith A. Geyer, age 89, of Alta, Iowa died Sunday, June 15, 2025 at his home in Alta.

Funeral services will take place Friday, June 20, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Alta. Burial will be in the Sixteen Cemetery in rural Thornburg, Iowa. Visitation will take place Thursday, June 19, 2025 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in ALTA. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Alta is in charge of the arrangements.

Keith Arvid Geyer was born June 2, 1936 on a farm near Thornburg, Iowa the son of John W. and Margaret (McGimpsey) Geyer.

Growing up, Keith attended grade school in Thornburg where he graduated from Thornburg High School in 1953. Following high school graduation, he attended Coe College and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1957. While attending Coe College, Keith was a Cadet Colonel in ROTC.

On November 17, 1956, Keith was united in marriage to Donna Sue Galbraith at the United Presbyterian Church in Gibson, Iowa. Together they were blessed with two children: Cindy Sue and Curtis Keith.

In December of 1957, Keith reported to a radar site in Colville, Washington

which was part of an early warning system. He entered the United States Air Force as a 21-year-old, filling three positions of executive officer, administrative officer, and personnel officer. He enjoyed deer and bear hunting or fishing in the area near British Columbia, Canada. Orders came for Keith to transfer to St. John's, Newfoundland which was a search and rescue site. He was honorably discharged from the United States Air Force with the rank of Captain in 1960.

After three years in the Air Force, Keith returned home and attended the University of Minnesota where he graduated with a Mortuary Science Degree in 1961 followed by a Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree in 1965. Keith returned to Alta and started dental practice at that time.

Keith was a dedicated member of the Alta community, serving as their dentist for 45 years. He was willing to address the tough or complex issues of the community that others avoided. He was also a lifetime member of the Masonic Lodge. Keith was a member of the United Methodist Church in Alta where he served as chairman of the administrative board and was also a trustee of the church.

A persistent, optimistic guy who persevered in his endeavors. Keith worked a multitude of jobs to get through college all the way to dental school, selling spam sandwiches to dorm mates, Christmas trees, china, pot and pans, and shingled roofs. Keith was able to fix almost anything. He loved watching wildlife and caring for his beloved cats and dogs.

Family was very important to Keith and he treasured spending time with them. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 68 years, Donna Sue Geyer of Alta, Iowa; children: Cindy Sue Geyer of Sioux Falls, Iowa; Curt

(Sam) Geyer of Okoboji, Iowa; grandchildren: Taylor (Adam) Holton of Okoboji, Iowa; Troy (Caitlin) Geyer of Brandon, South Dakota; Cameron Geyer of Spirit Lake, Iowa; great grandchildren: Graysen Marie, Navy Lee, and Norah James Holton; extended family and many friends.

Keith was preceded in death by his parents, John and Margaret Geyer; two brothers: Kenny Geyer and John Geyer; and two sisters: Harriet Riddle and Elloise Capps.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

JUN **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church -- Alta
218 Prospect
Alta, IA 51002

Tribute Wall

CM

“ Keith and Sue were like a second set of parents to me, as I expect they were to all of Cindy and Curt’s friends growing up in Alta during the 70’s. I loved them both, not just because they were never too busy to pay attention to the kids in their home, but also because they weren’t hesitant to let us know when we were being knuckleheads and issue a dressing down when needed. Keith could play the tough guy, for sure, but there was always a twinkle in his eye which gave him away every time. He was a wonderfully responsible and caring man, but he never lost the fun loving kid inside him, either. I’m smiling as I write this as he’s probably reading it from Heaven and thinking I should have cut this speech in half.... God bless you, Keith. Thank you, Geyer Family, for helping me become the person I am today.

Charles Miska - June 19, 2025 at 07:33 PM

LT

“ Cindy and family im so sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad. Thinking of you during this hard time. Prayers for comfort and strength.
❤️ Sincerely
Laurie Townsend

laurie townsend - June 19, 2025 at 12:38 PM

TM

“ We are thinking of your family and remembering Doc fondly, especially of his friendship with our Grandpa Harry. We sent a florist's choice arrangement and did not mean for it to be anonymous. In loving memory, Nicole Haberl & Luke, Tamara Moore & Bruce.

Tamara Moore - June 19, 2025 at 10:00 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Keith Geyer.



June 19, 2025 at 09:39 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Keith Geyer.

June 18, 2025 at 10:46 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dr. Keith Geyer.



June 18, 2025 at 09:41 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Keith Geyer.



June 18, 2025 at 08:12 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Keith Geyer.



June 18, 2025 at 07:06 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Keith Geyer.



June 18, 2025 at 05:27 PM



“ Kim Westall purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Dr. Keith Geyer.



Kim Westall - June 18, 2025 at 03:48 PM



“ Tony C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Keith Geyer.

Tony C. - June 18, 2025 at 02:55 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - June 18, 2025 at 02:37 PM

PD

“ Patty Neal Eric Michelle and DeAnn purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Dr. Keith Geyer.



Patty Neal Eric Michelle and DeAnn - June 18, 2025 at 01:35 PM

TD

“ Dr Geyer was the first to befriend and hire me when I was commuting from Spencer while our house was being built at Lake Creek. Our friendship continued through the Alta Methodist Church and our children's school activities and throughout these many years. He was always a "busy, busy" man who accomplished everything with near perfection. He will be a valuable Angel now! Accept our Sympathy, Sue and Family as you find your way without Keith.

Terry Davenport - June 18, 2025 at 08:43 AM

LF

“ *Larry Martin and Families purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Dr. Keith Geyer.*



Larry Martin and Families - June 17, 2025 at 08:05 PM

KC

“ *Ken & Vickie Carstens purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Dr. Keith Geyer.*



Ken & Vickie Carstens - June 17, 2025 at 02:41 PM

DC

“ *Don Crouch lit a candle in memory of Keith Geyer*



Don Crouch - June 17, 2025 at 02:30 PM

RT

“ *Rod and Barb Thomssen purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Keith Geyer.*



Rod and Barb Thomssen - June 17, 2025 at 02:04 PM

KG

“ So sorry for your loss, keeping your family in my prayers!

Kathy Grienke - June 17, 2025 at 12:28 PM

KP

“ We always enjoyed our visits with Doc. He was witty and always concerned about our family. We will miss seeing him driving in town with a mission on his face.

We were blessed to have him as a friend.

Our sympathies go out to Sue and his children.

May he rest in the loving arms of our Lord.

Kim and Susan Piercy - June 17, 2025 at 08:41 AM

CR

“ Connie Roche lit a candle in memory of Keith Geyer



Connie Roche - June 16, 2025 at 06:47 PM