

Thomas M. Keeling

(- 10 Jan 1989)

Keeling, Thomas M. Memorial service at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 118 3rd St., S.E., Tuesday, January 24th at 6 p.m. The family suggests, in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to The Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle or The NAACP Legal Defense Fund in New York.

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Lawyer and Justice Dept. Official

Thomas M. Keeling, 48, a Washington lawyer and a former official of the Justice Department's civil rights division, died Jan. 10 at the Fred Hutchinson Research Center in Seattle, where he was being treated for leukemia.

Mr. Keeling had been a senior litigation partner in the Washington law firm of Bishop, Cook, Purcell & Reynolds since 1985.

He worked for the department's civil rights division from 1968 to 1985. His posts included those of deputy education section chief from 1971 to 1976, special counsel for litigation from 1976 to 1981, and litigation section chief for four years until he retired in 1985.

Mr. Keeling, who was a resident of Washington, was a native of Tennessee. He was a graduate of the University of Tennessee. In 1967, he graduated first in his class from its law school, where he edited the law review and was a member of the Order of the Coif. He was an Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Embury Keeling; a son, Evan Thomas Keeling, both of Washington; his mother, Mary Elizabeth Keeling of Knoxville, Tenn.; two brothers, Douglas Keeling of Knoxville and Steve Keeling of Moraltan, N.J.; two sisters, Jane Price of Knoxville, and Betty Keeling of New Haven, Conn.