

Karen Diane King

(- 14 Oct 1990)

King, Karen D. On Sunday, November 14, 1990, Karen D. King of Washington, D.C., wife of the Honorable Rufus King, III; mother of Alexander R. King; daughter of Donald L. and Margie Jenkins of Durham, NC; sister of Donald T. Jenkins of Sudbury, MA. Friends may call at Joseph Gawler's Sons, 5130 Wisconsin Ave. at Harrison St. NW on Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. Memorial service will be held at Christ Church, Capitol Hill, 620 G Street SE on Saturday, October 20 at 5 p.m. The family suggests contributions to For Love of Children, 1711 14th Street NW, Washington, DC 20009 in lieu of flowers.

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Karen King Dies; Was Aide to Kissinger

Karen Diane King, 49, a retired State Department Foreign Service officer who served in the White House and on the personal staff of Henry A. Kissinger when he was secretary of state, died of cancer Oct. 14 at her home in Washington.

Mrs. King joined the Foreign Service in 1966 and served in the U.S. consulate in Stuttgart, Germany, from 1967 to 1970. She served in the White House from 1971 to 1973 and on Kissinger's administrative staff in 1974 and 1975.

Her years as an administrative officer at the White House and with Kissinger included some of the most important of recent diplomatic history. She helped organize and direct Kissinger's missions to China and his shuttle diplomacy trips to the Middle East.

Mrs. King served as an administrative officer at NATO headquarters in Europe in 1975 and 1976. She returned to Washington as a senior Foreign Service counselor. In 1987, she was associate director of the State Department's Office of Management Policy. She retired for health reasons this month.

Mrs. King, who had lived in Washington since 1970, was born at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. She was a 1963 graduate of Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She received a master's degree in political science from the University of Pittsburgh.

Survivors include her husband, Rufus King III, a D.C. Superior Court judge, and a son, Alexander R. King, both of Washington; her parents, Donald L. and Margie Jenkins of Durham, NC; and a brother, Donald T. Jenkins of Sudbury, Mass.