

Keith Warren Sherper obituary



Keith Sherper of Falls Church, Virginia passed away following 90 years of life on Saturday, June 27, 2026. Born February 10, 1936, Keith grew up in Minneapolis. He earned his Bachelor's degree in animal husbandry from the University of Minnesota followed by a Master's degree in agricultural economics from the University of Minnesota. He used these degrees in the Peace Corps in India, where he suggested, taught, and implemented improved farming practices.

In his following 30+ year career at USAID, he left resounding impacts that were recognized by the Presidential Meritorious Honor Award and the Outstanding Career Achievement Award. He traveled all over the world over the course of his career, serving in Vietnam, the Philippines, Georgia—Eastern Europe, Sudan, and Uganda, where he was the Mission Director. An incredibly bright mind with an even brighter soul, Keith's kindness, humor, and intelligence will forever be remembered by the multitude of lives he touched and bettered.

Keith is survived by his wife, Phyllis, children Linda and Steven, and grandchildren Brandon, Eric, Tyler, and Rian. He was preceded in death by his parents, Julia Olson and David Sherper, and his four siblings: Bob, Dave, Naomi, and Ken (twin).

A visitation will be held at National Funeral Home, 7482 Lee Highway, Falls Church, VA 22042, US, on July 5, 2026, from 9:30 am to 10:45 am, followed by a funeral service at the same location from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm. A committal service will take place at National Memorial Park, 7482 Lee Highway, Falls Church, VA 22042, US, on July 5, 2026, from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. A reception will be held at the funeral home following the funeral and burial service.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making donations to the American Heart Association in Keith Sherper's name.