



# Dr. Robert "Bob" Keiter

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**R**obert Keiter was born in Kinston, NC. His father and his brothers, Bill and John, were doctors, and his mother a nurse. He grew up near the ocean and enjoyed summers sailing, skiing, and fishing. He followed his brothers to Woodberry Forest, Davidson College, and UNC Medical School. After an internship in Philadelphia, he returned to Chapel Hill for a Psychiatric residency, where he met and married Mary Beth Fudge and had their first child, Bailie. Bob was in the Air Force during the Vietnam conflict, stationed in Nebraska, serving as the sole base psychiatrist. His responsibilities included greeting returning prisoners of war. After his tour of duty, he and his family moved to Richmond, Virginia, where Amanda was born. He worked at the Medical College of Virginia and obtained his board certification in psychiatry and neurology. Opportunities for his wife's last years of pediatric residency led to a move near Norfolk, Virginia. He worked part time in general psychiatry the first two years so that he could be the primary caregiver to their young children. He developed a special interest in alcoholism treatment during those years, and, later, at the Veterans Administration Hospital, he became their treating psychiatrist for those combat veterans who had not recovered from significant war trauma, beginning with veterans of World War II through more recent conflicts in Iraq. He was known not only for his competency, but also for his empathy, which led his vets to comment that he was 'teachable,' an especially valuable trait, as, at that time, PTSD was poorly understood and often unrecognized as requiring specialized attention and treatment. He developed group and individual treatments for veterans, many of whom were previously untreated for PTSD. His Vietnam Vets were particularly grateful for his efforts to keep trying until treatments made a difference. These were his most rewarding years in practice. His last years at the VA were in Johnson City, where he and his wife renovated a hundred year old house they loved. Retirement years were busy with reading, drawing, and gardening,



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including building a potting shed. He took long walks with his dog and loved hiking in the mountains. Relief from tight schedules led to long camping trips with visits to children, sons in law Robert and Till and granddaughters Elizabeth and Nora. His last move was to Uplands near Crossville, TN to join their continuing care community and be closer to family. His love of family, pets, working and hiking in the outdoors in all seasons persisted until his death at 80 on January 2, 2022. He was walking the trails with his friend and CarePartner the week before he died, and his family and cat were with him on his last day. He is survived by many who love and will miss him, including his wife, daughters and their families, elder brother, two brothers-in-law and their spouses, two grandchildren, and a beautiful extended family.

In Lieu of flowers, the family requests that those wishing to contribute to an organization in his memory consider the Nature Conservancy or the Alzheimer's Association.



## Tribute Wall

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**A C Morgan** posted:

I also seldom post anything but wanted to in this case. Bob was in my class and fraternity at Davidson. I remember him as being a pretty quiet but funny and likable guy. Another classmate and I spent a weekend during some late winter time with Bob at their place down near a barrier island. The biggest excitement was us working together to put out a brush fire in the grass in the sand dunes....not sure it was very necessary but seemed like something we could throw ourselves into.. I also remember meeting his father when we went by their home....and being impressed that he was studying to take the Allergy Boards at whatever his advanced age seemed to be (probably all of 50 years old). Plus he had a stand up lectern on which he had the materials for studying. He was pleasant but reserved, kind of like Bob.I really liked Bob. I don't think I ever saw him at a Davidson reunion and wish I could have talked with him about how he came to go into Psychiatry, as I also am a Psychiatrist.I send my condolences to his family.Alec Morgan

November 9 at 1:17 PM



**Amanda Rosenberger** April 3 at 7:22 AM

Thank you for sharing this memory with us. We miss him daily, and appreciate your kindness.

JA

**John D Alexander** posted:

Seldom post anything. I worked with Dr Keiter at EB hospital,Offutt AFB,Omaha. I was a very young enlisted airmen. I often think of him and was just going to say hello after so many years;in fact today. Instead saw the obituary. My deepest condolences. John D Alexander, Barrington,IL

October 29 at 9:38 AM



**Amanda Rosenberger** April 3 at 7:23 AM

Thank you for sharing your memories of my father. We miss him daily, and I know this time was important to him as well.

DR

**Dr Al Roper** posted:

The Class of '67 is special to me, and Bob was certainly a large part of what made it special. Greatest condolences to all his family with extra prayers for Comfort and Wonderful Memories.

March 11 at 9:23 AM



**Amanda Rosenberger** April 3 at 7:24 AM

Thank you so very much for your condolences. We miss him daily.



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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