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FORMER EIU MUSIC DEPARTMENT CHAIR DIES

CHARLESTON, IL.--Dr. Rhoderick E. Key, 51, Chairman of Eastern Illinois University's Music Department from 1974-1981, died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 1989, in San Antonio, Texas.

Dr. Key had served as Dean of the College of Fine Arts and Humanities at The University of Texas at San Antonio since 1981.

Prior to serving as Chair of Eastern's Music Department, he was Assistant Chairman of the School of Music and taught music at Eastern's Laboratory School.

Among the highlights of his career included the establishment of the Illinois Administrators in Music Schools, an organization composed of music department chairmen from Illinois colleges and universities.

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He also helped bring the Chicago Symphony Orchestra to Charleston for two performances.

A native of Granite City, Il., Dr. Key graduated from Southern Illinois University with a Bachelor of Music Education in 1963. He completed his doctoral degree at the University of Illinois in 1977.

Funeral arrangements will be handled by The Porter Loring Funeral Home, San Antonio.

Dr. Key is survived by his wife, Jane, of San Antonio; two daughters, Elizabeth Jane, and Stephanie Ann, both of San Antonio; and his mother and father, Rhoderick W. and Irene Key of Granite City.

The Rhoderick E. Key Memorial Fund has been established at the University of Texas at San Antonio. Contributions may be sent to The Rhoderick E. Key Memorial Fund, Office of the President, The University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas, 78285.

Contributions may also be made in his memory to the University United Methodist Church Organ Fund, 5084 DeZavala, San Antonio, Texas, 78230.