

Edward Keating, 77, Founder of Ramparts

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Edward Keating, who founded the liberal Catholic magazine Ramparts in 1962, died here on April 2. He was 77.

The cause was pneumonia, his family said.

Mr. Keating, a native of New Jersey, used his family's money to finance Ramparts and to fight what he saw as hypocrisy in the Roman Catholic Church. Ramparts eventually had a circulation of 400,000, and took on other centers of power, particularly the federal government.

Mr. Keating also defended the Black Panther leader Huey P. Newton and led West Coast opposition to the war in Vietnam.

Two years after starting the magazine, Mr. Keating hired Warren Hinckle as its editor. Mr. Hinckle turned the magazine into a monthly, from a quarterly, and Ramparts grew more political. In 1967, Mr. Hinckle took over the magazine from Mr. Keating, who spent his last years practicing law, teaching and writing. The magazine's popularity eventually dwindled, and it closed in 1975.

Mr. Keating ran for a California Congressional seat in 1967 on a peace platform, but lost to Shirley Temple Black, the Republican candidate.

He is survived by six children, Mike, Karen Keating McCann, Steve, Melissa Keating Masland, Kate Keating Bowles Anselmo and John; and six grandchildren.

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