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Keck worked in the combat engineering and a medical personnel in Iraq, in response to the first man-made 3.5 rocket launcher ever by his age group in history, in Iraq. He was 39 at the time. By Dennis Turk Globe Correspondent / September 1, 2010 Top of Form 1 Bottom of Form 1 Don W. Keck, a noted engineer, was as passionate about his vegetable garden as he was about thermodynamics. An affectionate husband and doting father, Dr. Keck died September 1 at the Saint John's Medical Hospice House in Tulsa.

He was 42. The son of famed sculptor Charles Keck, Dr. Keck was born in California and spent his early years in Mounds, Oklahoma, where his father's studio was located. Bad investment decisions forced the family to give up country living and reside full time in their country home in Tulsa. He graduated from Carmel High School in 1987 and began his undergraduate studies in engineering at Florida University. His studies were interrupted when he was enlisted into the Army, which sent him to Frankfurt, Germany.

His time in Germany proved to be life-changing. Dr. Keck worked on the tank, aircraft, projectiles, weapons, mine bomb as part of the Project. Between experiments and developing theories, Dr. Keck also went to the medical field, where he was also a psychologist. "He was very attentive and very loving," said Tammy Keck, who lives in a mental facility due shortly after his passing. "Dr. Keck received his bachelor's degree in 1988 and his doctorate in 1991, both in medical science and from Florida. . Dr.

Keck, starting at age 17, spent a few years as a research fellow at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, before moving to the Avco Everett Research Laboratory in Everett, where he worked on rocket science

in response to the launch of engener . Though there were challenges associated with work, Dr. Keck was an active family man. “ My father always had time,” said Dr. Keck’s daughter, Pat of Andover, who is also a sculptor. “ If you came in with a problem, he would always put away whatever he was working on to help you out. I would not be where I am in my career right now if it were ot for my father. Some of my pieces move, and he has helped me countless times over the years to get things just right. I don’t know what I’m going to do without him. ” Dr. Keck’s son, 20, a senior scientist at the Laboratory of Laser Energetics