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ELIZABETH HAMER KEGAN DIES

Longtime Assistant Librarian of Congress Elizabeth Hamer Kegan died at 4 a.m. on March 9 at her home in Alexandria, Virginia. Betty's career at the National Archives and Library spanned more than 30 years, and she was instrumental in expanding the Library's publications program, founding the American Folklife Center, and the Library's American Revolution Bicentennial Office. She also represented the Library in the NHPRC and was a founding member of the Society of American Archivists.

A native Tennessean, she married Lawrence Kegan in 1973. Her first husband, who died in 1971, was Philip Hamer, the former executive director of the NHPC. She had recently retired from her post at the Library. Friends wishing to contribute to a memorial established in her name can send contributions to the American Folklife Center, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. 20540, made out to the "Elizabeth Hamer Kegan Memorial Fund."