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Katy father Keith Garvin is an Emmy award-winning journalist and news anchor

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Catching up with Katy's award-winning journalist, KPRC Channel 2 reporter, and father of four daughters

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How did you decide you wanted to become a reporter?

"I had an interest in TV news at an early age, but when I first went to college I wanted to be a screenwriter and then become a director. When I got to the University of Nevada, Reno journalism was the closest major to film and television. I figured I would get my degree and find my way to Hollywood somehow. But I ended up falling in love with journalism, and I was on my way."

Where have you been able to travel as a reporter?

"I've done a lot of international reporting and military reporting in my career. I've reported from Iraq three times and from Afghanistan once for war coverage. I've also reported from Kuwait, Rwanda, and Canada."

"I've also had the chance to fly with the Thunderbirds and the Blue Angels. I've had the opportunity to fly on Air Force One about a dozen times as a member of the White House Press Corps, and interview the likes of Colin Powell, Condoleezza Rice, Rev. Billy Graham, and Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas."

What do your family and friends think of Keith-the-TV-reporter?

“My mother, extended family, and a lot of friends think I have a pretty fun career and many of them are proud of me, but my wife and kids have been over the TV news thing for a pretty long time. To them, I’m just the guy who pays the bills and takes out the trash.”

To you, what is the most rewarding part of your job?

“Getting the opportunity to communicate with the community on a daily basis and telling stories that truly make a difference in people’s lives - even if it only makes a difference for one person.”

What has been one of the most memorable stories you have covered?

“Covering the Second Marine Expedition Force during the initial invasion of Operation Iraqi Freedom. It was so impactful because I got the chance to see in person the sacrifices our troops and their families make to serve our country. The experience changed me as a man, a journalist, and an American. It also changed the trajectory of my career.”

What advice would you give aspiring news reporters?

“Good writing centered around the characters involved is the foundation of good storytelling. Also, always ask questions and realize that there are not just two sides to every story. Sometimes there are four or five sides, but an inquisitive reporter can wade through and find the truth.”

Tell us a little bit about your family.

“My wife Lisa and I met at the University of Nevada, Reno and graduated together, and we have four daughters. Kaleé (pronounced kah-LEE-uh) is 21 and a junior at Baylor



Garvin and anchor Lauren Freeman with Delgado, the KPRC pet of the week, from the Houston Humane Society

University and is a member of the school’s acrobatics and tumbling team. Rileygh is 18, and she’s a freshman at Texas Tech University. Kendyll is 15 and is a sophomore at Seven Lakes High School; and Raegan is 11 and attends Stanley Elementary.”

What do you and your family enjoy most about the Katy community?

“We have lived in the Katy area for nearly three years. We love the fact that while Katy is growing rapidly, it still has that small, hometown feel. We credit that to the warmth and hospitality of the people here.” **KM**

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Kaleé, Raegan, Lisa, Keith, Kendyll, and Rileygh

More About the Garvins

- Their favorite Katy eateries are Black Walnut Café, Lupé Tortilla, and Uberrito
- They can often be spotted at Cinemark, Rhodes Stadium, and Times Square
- They are members of Second Baptist Church and serve in various ministries