



Edna Kay Hargrove

January 13, 1944 - July 31, 2025

Edna “Kay” Hargrove, age 81, went to be with Jesus on Thursday, July 31, 2025, at her home, surrounded by her loving family.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at Gateway Church on Saturday, August 16, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Kay was born on January 13, 1944, in Carlsbad, New Mexico, to Lorie and Nancy Boll. She graduated from Carlsbad High School in 1962 and went on to earn a degree in Education from Eastern New Mexico University in Portales.

While in college, Kay married her high school sweetheart, Gary Brownlow, and gave birth to their daughter, Lori Kay Brownlow. Tragically widowed in 1967, Kay displayed remarkable strength by continuing her education while raising her infant daughter. In 1968, she moved to Roswell, where she began her teaching career at Goddard High School. She later taught at Roswell High School and Hagerman High School, but found her true teaching home at Gateway Christian School, where she joyfully taught History and Bible for over 22 years. She inspired generations with her deep love for God and country.

In 1970, Kay found love again and married Tom Hargrove. Together, they welcomed another daughter, Lisa Hargrove, and added their beloved chosen daughter, Erika Villareale, to their family. They raised their girls on the farm,

cultivating not only crops but a deep, enduring love for family, faith, and community. Her daughters later married and brought her the sons she always wanted—Joel and Mick—as well as 11 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren, both biological and chosen, all of whom were her pride and joy.

Kay was a founding member of Gateway Church International, where she joyfully served and sang on the praise team for many years. She led numerous Bible studies and mentored young women through M.O.P.S. (Mothers of Preschoolers) and the Pregnancy Resource Center. Her greatest passion was sharing the redeeming love of Jesus.

Though known for her sweet, loving, and gracious spirit, Kay was also fiercely competitive, a trait that made her Friday afternoon card and domino games legendary. She continued hosting these games until just two weeks before her passing and loved any chance to play (and win!) games with her family.

Kay leaves behind a lasting legacy of faith, strength, and unwavering love. She touched countless lives through her teaching, ministry, and example. She is also survived by her faithful lap companion of 12 years, Maggie, who rarely left her side.

The family wishes to express heartfelt thanks to everyone who provided care, support, and love to Kay during the final months of her life.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Kay's honor to continue her legacy of impacting young lives:

- Gateway Christian School
1900 N. Sycamore, Roswell, NM 88201
- Pregnancy Resource Center
901 W. Brasher Rd., Roswell, NM 88203

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **16**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Gateway Church
1900 N. Sycamore
Roswell , NM 88201

Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Edna Kay Hargrove.*



August 07, 2025 at 12:09 AM



“ *We will miss her and are so grateful for the many family memories that we have shared. What a beautiful legacy, as she enters into her eternal life. Love and prayers for all that are grieving.*

Julie Augeri - August 06, 2025 at 11:59 PM



“ *In the late 1990's while I was struggling, going through a divorce with three kids to take care of, my dear friend Kay paid my son, Matt Kermode's tuition so he could attend Gateway School. Both Matt and I will forever be grateful for her love and compassion shown to us during such a horrible time in our lives. We love you Ms. Kay, and we'll see you in glory!!!!!!*

Dee Nallie - August 06, 2025 at 11:39 AM



“ *Lisa, Lori, Erika and family,*

I have such a love for Mrs. Hargrove, even though she told me I could call her Kay now, years ago. She taught me from 1991-2000 but especially 1993-2000. I learned so much about History and it is something that I have carried with me and I am graduating with my own BS in Education, with a minor in History relatively soon. She taught us from a Christian perspective, taught the importance of praying for politicians and when I lost my own husband, she reached out. I have felt her loss tremendously but I know she is with Jesus today

*With Love,
Tanya Martinez - Johnson*

Tanya Johnson - August 06, 2025 at 06:48 AM



“ *Mrs. Hargrove was my History teacher. She was so much more. You will be missed. Hugs and prayers to the family.*

Shaudonna Bryant - August 05, 2025 at 08:30 PM

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Mrs. Hargrove was a very nice Christian lady she had this glow in her that just lit up the room. My condolences to the family.

sylvia De Los Santos - August 06, 2025 at 12:48 PM