



Kathleen Routledge Hamrick

February 28, 1926 - May 31, 2026

"Nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord: not death or life, not angels or rulers, not present things or future things, not powers or height or depth, or any other thing that is created."

-- Romans 8:38-39

Kathleen Routledge Hamrick (Kay or K.Mama) passed peacefully Sunday May 31, 2026, at Arbor Terrace, Dacula Ga. Kay is preceded in death by Gordon. L. Hamrick, Jr. (Husband), Gordon L. Hamrick III (Son) and Cecelia Hamrick (Daughter-in-law). She is survived by her children Kit Veal (George), Christine Tobin (Richard) and George Hamrick (Kathy). She had nine grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren, six great, great grandchildren and a host of friends.

Before marriage she lived in Birmingham, Alabama where she was a graduate of West End High School. During WWII she worked at the rations office where her future husband first noticed her. They corresponded during the war and were married in 1945. Gordon used the GI bill to graduate from the University of Alabama and went on to a successful career while Kay supported him as an excellent homemaker. In 1948 they moved to Atlanta and then Avondale Estates where they lived for 65 years. She moved to Gwinnett in 2019 to be closer to family.

K. Mama was a generous and loving Mother and friend to her large and extended family. She was known as the “butterfly lady” because of her love of pretty butterflies in her clothes and jewelry. She was an accomplished homemaker, photographer, and seamstress. After learning to play the guitar when she was in her fifties, she played and sang past the age of 100. She called family and friends on their special day each year to sing happy birthday.

Her biggest accomplishment is the extensive family photograph albums and documents that she carefully catalogued and captioned to chronicle her life and her family’s history. She kept a daily diary – a habit started when she was 9 years old. Later in life, she encouraged and received pictures and letters from friends and family which she continued to print, keep, and file.

Kay was an active member of every church she attended. For many years she led a singing group to local nursing homes and kindergartens. She is a member of Old Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Duluth, Georgia where she went to weekly services. Until her death, she sent cards to other church members as a ministry to the elderly and corresponded with her friends via phone calls, email and cards.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 1:00 PM on June 20, 2026, at Old Peachtree Presbyterian Church at 1756 Old Peachtree Rd NW, Duluth, GA. Visitation and a reception will follow the service. In lieu of flowers, she requested a charitable gift to Old Peachtree Presbyterian Church mission fund.

Upcoming Events

Celebration of Life

JUN **20**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Old Peachtree Presbyterian Church
1756 Old Peachtree Rd
Duluth, GA 30097