



**Brashear, Myrna Kay**

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Myrna Kay Brashear, 80, died on July 19, 2023, in Dallas. She was born in Wise County on Oct. 18, 1942.

She graduated from Alvord High School, attended Decatur Baptist College and went on to earn a degree in Biology and a teaching certificate from the University of North Texas. She later graduated with a masters in Biology from Southern Methodist University. Her choice of the sciences reflected her love and respect for nature, in both the beauty of the garden and the intricacy of human anatomy.

She enjoyed teaching, and taught high school science in Kaufman County and at the Hockaday School in Dallas. Later, she taught science at the college level at El Centro College and Parker College of Chiropractic, serving as the department chair of Basic Sciences at Parker College. She also taught preschoolers at Wilshire Baptist Church, where she was a longtime member. She was an exacting instructor, but a caring mentor to her many students.

Kay and James Brashear married in 1968, and had two daughters, Laura and Helene. They gained a third daughter when Misty came to live with them.

Kay loved teaching, cooking, reading and working in her beautiful garden.

Kay is survived by her husband, James; daughters, Laura Brashear, Misty Pearson and Helene Brashear; her six grandchildren; and brothers, Robert and Neal Hachtel.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Aug. 5 in the sanctuary at Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to White Rock Center of Hope or the children's ministry at Wilshire Baptist Church.