



Mary Jaleel D'Mar Shimun

March 26, 1919 - July 13, 2014

Mary Jaleel d'Mar Shimun peacefully passed away from earthly life to meet her heavenly Father at home on Sunday, July 13, 2014 surrounded by her daughters in Turlock after a brief illness. Born in Jerusalem on March 26, 1919, Mary was the eldest daughter born to Abdel and Farha Jaleel Tannourji. She is preceded by her parents, husband Sargon, brothers John and Elias and sister Lily.

Mary grew up in Jerusalem, where she attended Schmidt Girls College. After graduation she worked at Barclay's bank. In 1949, she was asked to relocate her work to Cyprus. There she met and married the Honorable Captain Sargon d'Mar Shimun in 1952, brother of the Catholicos Patriarch, Mar Eshai Shimun, XXIII.

In 1953, Mary, along with the rest of the patriarchal family left Cyprus for England and in 1960, thanks to a private bill enacted in Congress, the family immigrated to the United States and settled in San Francisco, moving later to Daly City and ultimately retiring in Turlock. With a very active social life before her illness, Mary loved cooking and entertaining in her home. She and her late husband enjoyed international travel and was an astute observer of politics with deep insights. Most importantly, Mary was a devoted daughter of the Church, secretary to His Holiness Mar Eshai Shimun, President of the Ladies Auxiliary and a consistent presence at worship each Sunday.

Mary is survived by her sister Georgette Jaleel of Chicago, brothers, George Jaleel of Atlanta, Emile Jaleel of New York and daughters, Rowena d'Mar Shimun of Turlock, Fiona Folsom of Tuscon and Arbella d'Mar Shimun of San Mateo. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Mar Shimun Memorial Foundation at www.marshimun.com.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Jul. 18th at 9:00 A.M. at Mar Addai Church of the East at 830 E Canal Drive in Turlock. Interment will follow at Turlock Memorial Park alongside her husband.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Jaleel D'Mar Shimun*

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