



Manooshak Sahakian Dickranian was born in Baghdad in 1935 to Haroutiun Sahakian of Van, and Nazeli of Erzerum. She had four siblings: Srpouhi Sarkess of Mosul, Iraq; Ishkhanouhi Hagopian, Vrejouhi Muradian, and Hampartsoum Sahakian, all of Sydney, Australia.

She met her future husband, Dickran Roupen Dickranian of Kirkuk, in 1950 and after starting their family in Basra moved to London in 1964 where they settled in Battersea. Once all of her children were in school, Manooshak worked as a typist at Oppenheimer Book Publishers in South Kensington.

Manooshak was devoted to her Armenian heritage and was ever-present in Armenian community activities until her health deteriorated. Upon arriving in London, she joined the choir of St. Sarkis Armenian Church in Kensington, where she attended every Sunday. As London's Armenian community grew, she began attending St. Peter's Church (later to become St. Yeghiche) in South Kensington, continuing to attend mass every week and singing in the church choir. She regularly attended events at the Hai Doon (Armenian House) and was a founding and lifelong member of the Armenian Relief Society (HOM) of Great Britain. She was also an active member of the Anahid Association and the Ladies Committee.

Despite never having an automobile and living multiple bus rides away, Manooshak never turned down a request for help from the Armenian community, from bringing baked goods to working on a committee or serving on an executive body. And whether it was a dinner, a concert, a play, or another event, Manooshak was always present. One of her happiest moments was her visit to Artsakh in 2019. Fortunately, she never learned of its tragic loss in September of this year.

Manooshak passed away on November 30, 2023, and was preceded in death by her parents Haroutiun and Nazenig, her husband Dickran, and her sister Srpouhi. She is survived by her siblings Ishkhanouhi, Vrejouhi and Hampartsoum; and her children Sonia (Armen) Bablanian of London, Vanakan (Nadia) Dickranian of Los Angeles, Silva (Greg) Bedian of Yerevan, and Rouben Dickranian of Melbourne.

She leaves behind seven grandchildren, Shant Bablanian (Lilit Baghdasaryan) of London, England; Ani Bablanian Albert (Alexander Albert) of Kristiansand, Norway; Arshag Dickranian and Varant Dickranian of Los Angeles, California, Knar Bedian of Cambridge, Massachusetts, Garin Bedian of Lichk, Armenia, and Daron Bedian of Chicago, Illinois. She was also fortunate to have two great-grandchildren, Thor Alexander Albert and Hayk Bablanian.

A memorial service will be held at 11:30 AM on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, in the chapel of Gunnersbury Cemetery in Acton, followed by interment.

A memorial dinner will follow at Navasartian Centre, 223 Northfield Avenue, in Ealing.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be donated to either the Armenian Relief Society GB (Account number 00607134, Sort Code 515001) or St. Yeghiche Armenian Church Parish (HSBC, Sort Code: 40-02-26, Account Number: 42674432, IBAN: GB13HBUK40022642674432, BIC: HBUKGB4106F )