



It is with deep sorrow that
Soorp Khatch Armenian Apostolic Church
announces the passing of

DETTAD MANGUIKIAN, M.D.



February 4, 1941 – November 17, 2023

Dr. Dertad is survived by:

His wife Seta Manguikian

His children: Tina Arda Manguikian, Andre Levon Manguikian (wife Jessica Barsamian)
and Alex Dertad Manguikian (wife Jill Ford)

His Grandchildren: William Dertad Manguikian, Fiona Antaram Manguikian,
Andrew Levon Manguikian and Alexander (“Zander”) Dertad Manguikian
and

His brother: Bedros Manguikian

He is preceded in death by his brother, Arshak, and sister, Yeran

Viewing/Wake

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home

9902 Braddock Road

Fairfax, VA 22032

Church Service

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

10:00 am

Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home Chapel

9902 Braddock Road

Fairfax, VA 22032

Interment Service

Wednesday, November 29, 2023
11:00 am
Fairfax Memorial Park Cemetery
9900 Braddock Road
Fairfax, VA 22032

In Lieu of Flowers

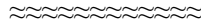
In Lieu of Flowers donations may be made to:
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(301)229-8742

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or

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Der Hayr and the Board of Trustees extend their condolences to the family and ask faithful parishioners of the Soorp Khatch Armenian Church to pray for the soul of the newly departed
DETTAD MANGUIKIAN, M.D.



Biography:

Dertad Manguikian was born in Aleppo, Syria to Yervant and Ardemis Manguikian. Despite his parents having been displaced by the Armenian Genocide and subject to difficult circumstances, Dertad experienced happiness as a child with the love and friendship of his siblings Arshak, Yeran, and Bedros as well as all his extended family and cousins. Love and loyalty to family was a tenant of his character and persisted throughout his life. In his early years Dertad was known to be playful and even a bit mischievous. As a child he loved to play soccer, ping pong, and backgammon.

Dertad, to say the least, excelled in school. He attended Aleppo college in Syria for high school and then moved to Beirut to attend the American University of Beirut. There, he experienced his formative years and made wonderful lifelong friendships. Dertad was accepted to the American University of Beirut School of Medicine and graduated in 1966. It was during these years that he learned to apply his compassionate heart and keen intellect to alleviate human suffering, and he was extremely good at it. Despite being at or near the top of his class semester after semester, year after year, Dertad chose to pursue a residency in what was a rather unpopular specialty at the time, Ophthalmology. Fate would have it that Ophthalmology would be Dertad's passion in life and the perfect conduit to serve his fellow man. Ophthalmology would not be the only grace bestowed upon him during his time at AUB. On those grounds is where he met his future wife Seta and fell in Love. They celebrated 53 years of marriage this past January.

After completing residency, Dertad pursued a prestigious fellowship at the University of Iowa, specializing in the medical and surgical management of glaucoma. Moving from Beirut, Lebanon to Iowa City, Iowa in 1969 was a bold leap into the unknown. As always, Dertad flourished and excelled at his work. Medicine and Ophthalmology apparently were not the only things on his mind during this year. He proposed to Seta and they were married in Los Angeles in 1970. Dertad and Seta had three children together Tina, Andre, and Alex. He loved each of them uniquely and with all his heart, and they were his pride and joy.

Now with his new Bride and having completed his fellowship, a decision needed to be made regarding how and where to settle and establish roots. Dertad and Seta chose to move to the Washington DC area where Dertad became Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology and eventually became residency director at the George Washington University School of Medicine Department of Ophthalmology. Fate, again, would serve Dertad well. He was introduced to a retiring physician, Robert Dupree M.D., by his friend and colleague, Paul Gavaris M.D. Dertad worked with Dr. Dupree for several years in private practice and then established his own private practice, Fairfax Eye Associates. Dertad worked tirelessly in private practice becoming a highly skilled and renowned cataract surgeon who was trusted by his colleagues and beloved by the patients he served. He loved his work and he loved his patients. It gave him tremendous joy to help others, which he believed to be his mission in life. The same blessed space where he practiced for over 45 years is now carried on by his son, Alex. Dertad retired in March 2020 at the age of 79, while still at the top of his game. So many people that read these words can do so because of Dertad's dedication to the restoration and preservation of vision and human health. He was honored to help and considered it his duty.

The Armenian Church was the spiritual foundation of Dertad's childhood and remained so through his life. He considered the Church the fabric that kept his family close and deeply connected to the Armenian community. Recognizing the vital role of the Armenian Apostolic faith at the very core of Armenian national identity, Dertad served the Church in countless capacities, from the parish level all the way to the Holy See of Cilicia. Even with all his many personal and professional obligations, he devoted himself fully to the Armenian Church. It came naturally and effortlessly to him. Dertad cherished opportunities to give back to his community, to advance the Armenian cause, and to honor his rich heritage as an Armenian and a Christian.

Lastly, Dertad deeply loved his grandchildren -- William, Fiona, Andrew, and Zander. He received daily updates on all their activities, was very proud of each of them, and enjoyed nothing more than spending time with them. It gave him great pride, happiness, and comfort to know that his life's work and legacy would live on through his children and grandchildren. His presence will be deeply missed by his family, friends, patients, and the community at large.

We have lost a great man loved by so many but gained tremendous inspiration by his humble examples, good deeds, and friendships. May he rest in peace knowing that his work is complete.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to:

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