



# Maisie Yagan

1926-2014

Maisie (Muazzez) passed away peacefully in her home on September 20, 2014 at the age of 88 following a long illness.

Born in Adapazari, Turkey, into an Abkhazian family, she is survived by her children Lima Wright (Ken) of Vancouver, B.C, Erse Yagan of Abbotsford, B.C., Dal Yagan of Vancouver, B.C. and John Yagan of Istanbul, Turkey. Maisie was predeceased by her beloved husband of 67 years, Murat Yagan, who passed away 10 months before her and also by their firstborn daughter Ridat.

For a woman who most loved her home, hosting guests with magnificent dinners and her garden, Maisie lived a very adventurous life. She learned to ride in Turkey and how to handle a rifle to defend their ranch from rebels. In 1963 she left family and friends, her language, culture, religion and financial security, with her children to bravely follow her husband to a new country, Canada. There, as a dedicated partner and an exceptional mother she helped provide for their children taking jobs as a cook, orchard worker, eventually working hard to run a restaurant and later a café.

Besides several cities in Turkey, Maisie lived in Vancouver, Prince Rupert, on Gabriola Island, and in Vernon. Further, within these places she moved numerous times, meeting each change with enormous dignity and class, offering gracious hospitality and turning houses into bustling, loving homes wherever she went.

Maisie was a much beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt, friend and a mentor to many in a circle that still extends worldwide. Standing with her husband she generously shared her ancestral teaching of Ahmsta Kebzeh, and demonstrated the very heart of her tradition, touching countless lives. This was because her door was always open, her heart ready to listen, and her wisdom there to sagely comfort and advise. She was a woman of great courage, strength, passion, resourcefulness, endurance and kindness who nurtured all who her life encountered with her great maternal heart.

Blessings be upon you Maisie as you continue your eternal journey within the Kingdom of God and thank you for your precious example of unconditional love.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at the Essentialist Church of Christ, 2001 – 45th Avenue, Vernon on December 18, 2014 from 2:30 – 4:30 pm.

The family thanks all of Maisie's wonderful caregivers, the Interior Health Authority, Dr. Roger, and Dr. Wheeldon for their loving support.

In lieu of flowers those friends wishing to do so may make a memorial donation to the charity of their choice.