

Elfrida Kartashyan

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Elfrida was born on April 1, 1938 in Yerevan, Armenia, as the daughter of Ashot and Vartush Kartashyan. In 1958, she married the late Alfred Babayan and was blessed with two children. Widowed at the young age of 31, she raised Arthur and Naira, while serving as a Professor of Russian Literature and Theory at the Armenian State Pedagogical University named after Khatchatur Abovyan and the Yerevan State University. For 40 years, she taught both international and national students, dedicating her life to the field of education. During this time, she also published several books on Russian linguistics and grammar. She concluded her many years of service by receiving a gold medal for her tenure as an educator, solidifying her position as a leading authority in academia.

After retiring at the age of 72, she emigrated from Armenia to live with her daughter and granddaughters in the United States, settling in Maryland. She became a member of both the St. Mary Armenian Church and the Knights and Daughters of Vartan, where she utilized her skills as an educator to help the organizations further their missions.

Elfrida devoted her life to her family and raising her grandchildren. She was the foundation of strength and love for her family, and will be remembered for her perseverance, dedication, and thoughtfulness.

She was loved by all whom she touched throughout her life and will be greatly missed. May she rest in peace.