



Hrant Yousoufian died on August 1, 2023. Born to Nevart Guezeubeukian and Hagop Sarkissian in Highland Park, Michigan, on June 26, 1924, he was awarded a bachelor of aeronautical engineering from The Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn (aka Brooklyn Poly) in 1948, licensed as a professional engineer in 1962, and named a fellow of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers in 1997.

In addition to his accomplishments and passions in the field of engineering, his youngest child considers the two most profound marks on his life, the ones he incessantly referred to in later life, as his time in World War II and his marriage to Anna Couyoumdjian (deceased January 2023).

Hrant volunteered for the U.S. Army on November 25, 1942, through the Enlisted Reserve Corps. He began active duty on June 16, 1943, and received an honorable discharge as a sergeant on April 5, 1946. In 1945, he survived the crossing of the Rhine on March 26, as a squad leader of the 89th Division of the U.S. Army, 354th Infantry Division, 2nd Battalion, Company G. Medals he was awarded include the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

On March 2, 1946, Hrant and Anna, a French national, were married in St.-Martin-d'Hères, France. Both Hrant and Anna said throughout their lives that their 76 years of marriage began with love at first sight, a French *coup de foudre*.

Hrant and Anna's three children, Armen, Jasmine, and Elise and their spouses, and their four children hold both Hrant and Anna in their memory. Services will be held at St. Mary Armenian Apostolic Church in Washington, DC, on Tuesday, August 8, at 11 am. Hrant enjoyed services at St. Mary and the acquaintances he made among parishioners. All are welcome.

At a much later date, Hrant and Anna will be inurned at Arlington National Cemetery.

Tax-deductible donations to the ANCA Endowment Fund, Armenian General Benevolent Union or an organization supporting children are welcome.