

J'ai eu l'honneur & le plaisir de rencontrer le Dr Kévork (Georges) Kéchichian : il est parti à 87 ans

IL EST PARTI
REJOINDRE LE
DR
HAROUTIOUN
SAGHERIAN ET
MAITRE
VARTKES
YEGHIAYAN AU
PARADIS DE
L'INTELLIGENTS
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Nos pensées
à Cécile et à
ses enfants.

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It is with
heavy hearts
that we
inform our
members of
the passing
of beloved
community
leader Dr.
Kevork
Keshishian
on November
13, 2018 in
Los Angeles,
California.
He was 87
years old.
From
1982-1998,
Dr.
Keshishian
served as a
member of
the AGBU
Central
Board, an
invaluable
voice in the



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ization. "Dr. Keshishian was a true gentleman with a kind heart and wonderful sense of humor. He cared deeply for his community and led with a genuine compassion and devotion," said Berge Setrakian, AGBU Central Board President.

"His decades of service to AGBU and to the Armenian community shall not be forgotten."

Generous, affable and always spirited, Dr. Keshishian dedicated his leadership and tenacity to AGBU, continuing to be an active

citizen in the
global
Armenian
community
throughout
his life. Born
in Syria in
1931, he was
a dynamic
community
organizer
from a young
age. At 14
years old, he
founded and
became the
first
president of
the AGBU
Student
Association
in Aleppo. He
moved to
Beirut,
Lebanon at
the age of 20
to study
pediatric
medicine at
the French
Medical
School of St.
Joseph
University,
but he did
not forego
his role in
the Armenian
community.

While living
in Lebanon,

as a practicing doctor, he held a number of positions in prominent Diaspora organizations : he was president of the AGBU University Students' Association, Secretary for the AGBU Armenian Youth Association of the Middle East and later, Chairman of the AGBU-AYA Central Cultural Committee. Dr. Keshishian was also an avid and prolific writer. In addition to the four medical books he published for the public, he was one of

the founders
of the
independent
Armenian
weekly paper
in Lebanon,
Spurk. He
was a
frequent
contributor
to *Pejishk*,
Zartonk,
Nayiri,
Baika, *Nor*
Or and
Shirag. He
was a man
dedicated to
empowering
his
community
by sharing
his wealth of
knowledge
and
expertise.

In 1968, Dr.
Keshishian
immigrated
to the United
States,
pursuing a
residency in
Radiology at
the New
England
Medical
Center and
VA Hospital
in Boston,

Massachusetts. Just two years later, he not only became the founder and president of the AGBU Youth Chapter of Boston, but also a founding member of the first American Armenian Medical Association in the United States. As he steadily built his career in the United States as a respected radiologist, eventually becoming the Chairman of the Radiology Department at the Catholic Medical Center Hospital in Manchester, New Hampshire,

and then
President of
Metro
Imaging
Center in
Maryland, he
remained
committed to
his newfound
Diaspora
community.
His work was
endless: a
member of
the Central
Committee of
the Armenian
Democratic
Liberal
Organization
for over a
decade, he
was also the
founder and
chairman of
The Friends
of *The
Armenian
Mirror
Spectator
and Life*
Member on
the Board of
Directors of
the Tekeyan
Cultural
Association
of America.

Dr.
Keshishian
embodied a

man fully
committed to
the
prosperity,
unity and
health of his
treasured
Armenian
community.
He
maintained
his heritage
proudly and
his
leadership
illuminated
avenues
through
which
generations
of Armenian
youth could
maintain
theirs.

He is
survived by
his wife of 58
years, Cecile
Simonian
Keshishian, a
respected
pillar in the
global AGBU
community
and the
American
Medical
Association
Auxiliary; his
two children,
Alek and

Aleen
Keshishian,
both Harvard
graduates
and well-
known in the
movie
industry; his
son-in-law,
Kit Troyer
Esq.; and his
grandchildre
n, Lulu and
Jesse Troyer.

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