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## THE FARANGIS SHAHROKH LEGACY

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Mrs Farangis Shahrokh

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The Leader Of Leaders, Madam Farangis Shahrokh, the Founder of the California Zoroastrian Center, in Westminster, California, USA; was one of those rare iconic individuals who altered the lives of not just people but whole communities for which her work shall remain etched in our minds forever. Her single act of beginning the process of bringing our North American Zarathushti community together, which ultimately culminated in the formation of FEZANA, and thereby giving us our North American Zarathushti identity, will remain a treasured endeavor for Zarathushtis in North America.

With the kindness of a mother and firmness of a leader, she was a lady with an extraordinary vision. It is said that “the purpose of life is to live a life of purpose”. She was a leader with a purpose whose success was hinged at the service of others not at the expense of others. As a role model, her motto: “Organize to Mobilize” inspired countless women to strive and thrive in various facets of life. Her mission was to strengthen the fiber of our community by reaching out to others unconditionally.

Banoo Farangis’ whole life was a dedication to hard work and achievement. Born with the double disadvantage of being a woman and a Zarthushti in contemporary Iran, she devoted her whole life to the amelioration of both minorities. Furthering the tradition of her illustrious father Arbab Kaykhosrow Shahrokh, she was an extremely successful organizer and leaves a legacy of Zoroastrian infrastructure that has proven very beneficial to all Zarthushtis. Her work in woman’s handicraft was a substantive boon to the Iranian economy and her success in raising the status of women as serious contributors to their nation’s wellbeing, are achievements that will be relegated to history.

Madam Farangis was a formidable lady who touched the lives of people not only in Iran and the United States, but wherever she travelled. She was passionate about preserving our Zarathushti faith, devoted towards protecting the rights of women; and instrumental in promoting our heritage and culture.

Besides being a caring teacher, an incredible speaker, a powerful mentor and a knowledgeable leader, her dedication towards promoting the value of human rights was admirable. She was a gem of a communal mother, who committed her life to nurture and structure the life of our Zarathushti community; for which, our community misses a remarkable champion but her memory and legacy will last for generations to come.