



Fatemeh Salehi

January 24, 1937 - October 20, 2024

Fatemeh Salehi, 87, of Frankfort, Kentucky, passed away on October 20, 2024.

Fatemeh was born on January 24, 1937, to Masumeh E'temadi and Mehdi Salehi in Tehran, Iran. She immigrated to the United States in 1963, and attended Fugazzi School of Business in Lexington, Kentucky before embarking on a career as a chef.

For over two decades, from 1983-2003, Fatemeh served as the sous-chef in the Governor's Mansion of four successive Kentucky Governors, starting with Governor Martha Collins. She was commissioned twice as a Kentucky Colonel, the highest honor awarded by the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

In her youth, Fatemeh was a talented theater actress and attended one of the finest theater companies in Iran. Throughout her life she was a devotee of the theater and opera, and attended performances in Louisville, Lexington, and Frankfort for decades.

In 2004, Fatemeh retired to 10 acres of land outside of Frankfort, building a custom house and developing carefully designed gardens and ponds around her home. Ever active, she was awarded a certificate as a Master Gardener after almost three years of study and landscaping.

Fatemeh is survived by her daughters, Maryam Kaykavoosi, and Marjan Kaykavoosi, her granddaughter Emily Catheryn Eaton, her brothers Saeed Salehi, Mohsen Salehi, and Vahid Salehi, her sisters Mehri Salehi (Mohseni) and Mahvash Salehi.

A memorial service will be held on November 23 at 4:00 PM, at Fatimeh's home outside of Frankfort. Family and friends can contact Emily Catheryn Eaton for more information.