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## BIOGRAPHY

### Elizabeth Baronian 1907-1996

Elizabeth was born in Guirun in 1907. She was 11 years old when she entered United States and moved to Detroit to be with her aunt. Later her mother joined with her in Detroit. While she was living there, she met Nick Baronian and they got married. They had two sons John and Sam. During the Depression, they moved to Richmond, Virginia looking for a job. In mid-40s their youngest son Barkev was born. Later they opened a restaurant and it was known by the public as the "Baronian Steak House."

Years before the construction of the Church, Elizabeth was very active in the Women's Guild. Later she was very instrumental in raising funds to build the St. James in Richmond. Through her efforts, donations were collected for the pews and the glasses in the Church. She donated the altar curtain. She was one of the organizers of the first Armenian Food Festival in Richmond. She founded the "Baronian Cultural Fund" in memory of her husband Nick Baronian. She always supported St. James through her financial and moral assistance. She has survived by 3 sons, 6 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren and one sister.