



Barken Kezlarian

Kiwanis Club of Royal Oak

International Club
No. 1669
Michigan
Division 6



Founded 1927

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To Whom It May Concern:

Barkev (Barkey) Avedis Kezlarian was born in Sevas, Armenia in 1911. When he was a small boy, his family fled its homeland just before the Turkish massacres. They went to Egypt, but again were forced to leave in the early 1920's. Coming through Ellis Island, they settled in Royal Oak, Michigan.

After his father's death, just a few years later, the then fourteen year old Barkey was left to care for his mother and seven siblings. He grew a moustache to appear older and established his own dry cleaning business, known as 'Royal Oak Cleaners and Dyers'.

He joined the Royal Oak Kiwanis Club in 1949 and was honored by a presentation of a life membership in 1978. Although asked, he never accepted an office, but throughout the years, he dedicated his time and energy to the planning and the execution of many fund-raising events. He was, in later years, made an honorary member of the Hilton Head Island Kiwanis Club and participated in several of its fund-raising ventures also.

Barkey was an active contributor to the Baptist Children's Home, now known as the Judson Center in Royal Oak. He also was active in the Royal Oak Baseball Federation and was an original board member of the Royal Oak Little League Football Teams, Inc. He sponsored both baseball and football teams for many years. Upon his retirement, Barkey was a volunteer worker for the District Court judges in Royal Oak.

Barkey was married to Nancy Israelian until her death in 1975. They had four children, Kathleen, Bruce, Nancy, Barbara and six grandchildren.

Following Nancy's death, he married Leona Passage.

Barkey passed away March 1, 1991.

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MEETINGS

Each Thursday 12:10 P.M.

AT

First Congregational Church
1314 Northwood
Royal Oak, Michigan 48073
(Webster at Crooks)



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