



# Hardial Kaur

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**S**he lived her life in the villages of Punjab, India, at the turn of the last century, in the East African Jungles in the late twenties, thirties, forties, fifties, and sixties, in the towns of India in the mid-sixties and seventies and finally in the USA ....until her last days.

This is the kind of life one reads about in books or sees in make-believe movies. But, this was reality. Mrs. Hardial Kaur, born on 14 January, 1914 in India, she was the youngest of four children. Her father was Sardar Bahadur Captain Dr. Kartar Singh who practiced medicine in Kisumu, Kenya. She was just a toddler when her mother, Partap Kaur, died.

Mrs. Hardial Kaur married Sardar Jagir Singh. Together, they had six children: two sons, Harjit Singh Mangat MD and Balminder Singh Mangat MD; four daughters, Ranjit K Sandhu MD, Davinder K Bains MA, Tejinder K Brar MA, and Charanjot K Sandhu MSc. D. Pharm.

She never had a formal education beyond primary school, yet her authority left little doubt of her scholarship. Always an avid, multi-lingual student, she, never-the-less, regretted not having learned English. That lack was no deterrent when she undertook a world tour, at the age of 85, with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. May Singh, who is Scottish and speaks only English.

Living in New Orleans for the last two decades with her youngest son, Dr. Balminder Singh Mangat MD, and his wife Raghubir Kaur Mangat MD and their two children, Simrin Singh Mangat and Chathan Singh Mangat, she accepted her losses with equal grace and courage including the loss of her husband, Sardar Jagir Singh, her son, Dr. Harjit Singh, and her son-in-law, Mr. Balwinderjeet Singh Brar.

She is survived by a son, four daughters , two daughters-in-law, 12 grand children and 8 great-grand children living all over the globe. From Australia, India, England, Germany and the United States, they join together to mourn their collective and



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essential loss which occurred on September 22, 2008.

The last rites will be performed at E.J. Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 West 21st Ave., Covington, Louisiana, on September 24, 2008, from 11 am to 2 pm. Following the cremation, the recitation of Sikh scriptures will start at their residence in Covington.



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PN

**Paul And Kristy Nelson** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

September 27 at 7:00 PM

NB

**Nancy F. Beck** posted:

Thoughts from and family are with you as you go through this difficult time. Our deepest Sympathy.

September 26 at 7:00 PM

CB

**Camille Baudier** posted:

My husband and I send your family our sympathy, for the lost of your mother. We did not know her, but her smile in the picture drew our attention. We read the notice together and was in amazement of her life. We know she must have been proud of all her children, and for a job well done as a mother. We wish you all the best,for you have wonderful memories.

September 25 at 7:00 PM

RM

**Ramona Maspons** posted:

At a time like this, when our hearts are breaking, we can sit back and remember all the wonderful things that made Biji a unique individual. Her legacy will live on through her family, as well as through her beautiful handwork. Her hand knitted caps and her colorful cross stitch pictures will always be a reminder of her love for her family and friends. I will always feel a kinship with her because of the shared memories we made while I was taking care of Baji. She would sit on the sofa in their room and laugh with me at the antics he went through each day. Even though I didn't understand a word she said, we would hold long conversations whenever I stayed with her, and she always got her meaning across. She will always have a special place in my heart, and I will always be thankful to her for sharing her wonderful family with me. Miss Ramona

September 24 at 7:00 PM



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MF

**Magallon Family** posted:

May you find comfort in the memories that are yours to cherish always, and strength in the companionship of those who share your loss.... I have learned never to underestimate the healing power we all have. It is always there to be used for the highest good. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. (Matthew 5:4) May it be a source of inner strength to know that there's a loving God watching over you, and that, throughout this time of need, He'll stay close by your side. All those sleeping in their graves will wake up and sing for joy. As the sparkling dew refreshes the earth, so the Lord will revive those who have long been dead."-Isa. 26:19.

September 23 at 7:00 PM

DT

**Dr Steve And Lyn Taylor** posted:

We read the Times-Picayune today with great interest and were impressed with the love and respect you have shown your very exceptional mother. What a beautiful countenance shines in the photograph. Please accept our feelings of sympathy and we wish you the best in this time of loss. Dr. Steve and Lyn Taylor Covington, La.

September 23 at 7:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Hardial by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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