

Günel And Güler Orgun's Marriage Registration



My marriage to Günel Orgun in Üsküdar, witnessed by Prof. Mina Urgan and Rifat Yalman. This is a photo was taken on 5th November 1965 I met my second husband in 1965 through a friend, Sehnaz Akinci, at the horse-riding club. She lived on the same floor, in the same apartment, as a lady called Mina Urgan. I met her for the first time when I went to Sehnaz's apartment. Mina Urgan had had a beloved classmate at the American College, Saffet Orgun, who had passed away, and had a son, Günel Orgun. He was a young man of about my age, who had been married and divorced after three years. Mina thought that we should be compatible, and that being both divorcees, we could have some good time together. So, she introduced us. Günel had a motorboat. Mina asked my friend Sehnaz and me to a boat ride on a Sunday. We went and that is how we met. We got married at the Üsküdar Registry Office. Günel is a graduate of Robert College. He had lots of friends from school, Turkish, Jewish, Greek, Armenians, etc., reflecting the diversity of RC's student body. His family was very Westernized. He teases me to this day by saying that my family is far more 'a la turca' than his. After all, my grandfather was from Canakkale, used to smoke the 'narghile' sitting cross-legged on the sofa, on top of cushions, played with worry beads, etc. In comparison, Günel's relatives were the avant-garde of the day, having been to Europe, studied at the Galatasaray Lycée, in short, much more Western than my relatives. Günel worked in an automotive company called Tatko. He was in charge of the spare parts department. Rifat Yalman was one of the owners and founders of the automotive company Tatko, where Günel worked. Mr. Yalman and Prof. Mina Urgan were our witnesses at the marriage ceremony.