

## **Fathollah Ferdowsi**

Born: 1918, Kerogan, Jasb

Executed by firing squad in Tehran on 4 January 1982

Fathollah Ferdowsi was born into a Baha'i family. He attended the Baha'i school of Vahdat-e-Bashar in Kashan. After its closure by the government, he completed his education in Tehran. He attended military training and later married and lived in Tehran.

He was involved in Baha'i community life. He was appointed by the National Spiritual Assembly<sup>1</sup> of the Baha'is of Iran to serve on the Board of Directors for Umana company. He was elected on the Local Spiritual Assembly<sup>2</sup> of the Baha'is of Tehran in 1980. On 2 November 1981 during a meeting of Local Spiritual Assembly with five other members he was arrested. The two individuals who were hosting the Assembly meeting were also arrested. They all were imprisoned in Evin prison. On 4 January 1982, he was executed by firing squad, together with five other members of the Spiritual Assembly, Kourosh Talaie, Khosrow Mohandesi, Eskandar Azizi, Ataollah Yavari, and Shiva Mahmoudi Asadollah-Zadeh, as well as their hostess Shidrokh Amir-Kiya (Bagha).

*(This brief biographical note is based on the best available information. If you find any inaccuracies, or any important facts omitted, please email us through the Contact page.)*

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<sup>1</sup> **National Spiritual Assembly:** a nine-member administrative body elected annually by the Baha'is of each country, tasked with overseeing the affairs of the Bahá'í community of that particular country.

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