

## Karel Coufal With His Grandchildren Lenka And Martin



This photo shows my husband Karel Coufal and our grandchildren Lenka Vecerova and Martin Vecera. The photo was most likely taken in 1973 on an outing into the surrounding hills. It was taken by my daughter Jana Kubikova, nee Coufalova. My husband spent a lot of time with our grandchildren. We often went on trips with them into the hills around Sumperk. Among our favourite places were Skritek, Sedlo and Vresovka. Our children learned to ski very early on. My husband was born in 1926. He was from Trebic. We had already known each other in public school. After the war, food coupons were given out once a month, and he was in charge of this. Because I'm very disorganized, it would regularly happen that I wouldn't pick up my coupons until I had no food left at home. However, it was necessary to also bring along your identification, which I had of course misplaced somewhere. So that's how we met, at the food coupon distribution window. Soon we started dating. We had common interests and friends. A person needed to have something in common with the other. Karel attended an industrial technical high school in Sumperk. He was always ambitious. He studied to be a machine operator, electrician, auto-mechanic and projectionist. In his old age he finished a welding course at the Slovak Technical University in Bratislava. He worked his whole life in the Northern Moravian sawmills as chief of mechanization. We were married on 30th August 1947 at the Trebic city hall. Our oldest daughter, Jana, was born in 1947 in Trebic. She went to elementary school in Sumperk. She studied photography at a secondary school in Brno. After graduation she got a job in a metallurgical research institute and worked there until her retirement. She married twice. Her first husband was named Stanislav Vecera. They have two children together, Lenka and Martina.