

Ester Khanson With Her Nephew Mikhail And His Wife Irma



I am to the right with my nephew Mikhail, the son of my brother David Kljass, and his wife Irma. The picture was taken during a walk in the park in Tallinn in 2005.

My brother lived in Tallinn after the war. He did not have any civil profession. He became a ski instructor. My brother did very well and his trainees got the first prizes, went to international contests. David was married to an Estonian, but it did not last long. They did not have children. Then he married a German. She was not an Estonian Jew, but a native German. My brother as assigned to train a female skiing team in Germany. He came back with a wife. David often went to the restaurant, owned by her parents. She worked there as a waitress and helped out her parents. They fell in love with each other. David divorced his wife and got married in Germany. They came to Tallinn with their little son Mikhail, Mikki.

When in 1987 my brother died from cancer, his wife went back to Germany, and their son stayed in Estonia. He even does not think of going to Germany. He purchased our former house in Nõmme. He still lives there with his family. He graduated from Tallinn Polytechnic Institute and got married. He has two sons, who are 13 and 11 years old. He is working in Tallinn Polytechnic University and writing his doctorate thesis. My nephew is a very good person. He is taking care of me. I treat him as my own son and we are really bonded.