

Grisha Persov's Family



My brother Grisha's family in Kuvandyk in 1954. From left to right: Grigory, his daughters Anna and Luba wearing school uniforms, Grisha's wife Nadia.

My older brother Grigory and my sister Clara were very close to me. Grigory went to work at the military plant when he was very young. He became a turner apprentice and had to stand on a box to reach his lathe at the beginning. Later he finished a work school (rabfak) , technical school at the plant and in due time he was promoted to shop supervisor. During the war he evacuated to Kuvandyk with the plant. Kuvandyk is a town near Chkalovsk in the Ural. He stayed there after the war. In autumn 1944 all of us but Grigory returned to Kiev. I was sure that he didn't want to go back to Kiev, because he believed that Sopha and Polia had perished and that it was his fault. He failed to obtain permission for them to evacuate with the plant as members of his family. He married Nadia, a Russian girl and lived in Kuvandyk all his life. Grisha died in 1980.