

Anna Gizgiez-Nagorska With Her Mother-In-Law Helena Najberg



This is me, Helena Najberg, with my daughter-in-law Anna Gizgiez-Nagorska. The photo was taken in her and my son's home on some holiday, but I don't remember exactly.

My son changed his faith to Catholic several years after he got married. He got married in 1972 to Anna Gizgiez-Nawronska, a Pole, a medical student. At first he changed his name, even before he got married. I don't know why he decided to do that. He asked us for permission to change his name. I think that was because of his wife. So I said: 'It's your will, you're an adult, you have to decide, we have nothing against it. It's your business.' Today his name is Nagorski. He and his wife baptized their child in a church, so they're a Catholic family. I even attended the christening. My husband didn't want to go. His wife is Catholic, of course, but he is an even greater Catholic than she is. My daughter-in-law sometimes complained that he used to wake them up, that is her and their daughter, at 6 a.m. on Sundays to go to church. She'd say she could go later, that she doesn't have to go in the morning. But he insisted. Yes, they must go to church every Sunday, no getting out of it. He's a real neophyte.

Our relations were not good either. There were years when he didn't contact me at all. I don't blame my son for this, but I do blame my daughter-in-law. Because I think she should call at least once a week, find out if this mother is still alive. But my dear daughter-in-law calls me once every 2, 3 months. Even though she's a physician and she knows my health is not good, that's how it has all turned out. We don't see each other often now, because my son works and he doesn't have time. He calls and visits me sometimes. Currently, he's the chairman of the Opolgraf printing company. He works in Opole like a mule, pardon my language.