

Lev With Wife Lidia In France



My wife and I in Versailles.

I met my future wife Lidia Naumovna Kuritskaya in the University. She was born in a very intelligent family in Kiev in 1925. Lidia was one year younger than I. She also studied at the Department of Chemistry. She returned from the evacuation and continued her studies. She paid attention to my picture on the Board of Honor (pictures of the best students were displayed there). She approached me and said that she wanted to meet the best student of the University. That was how we met. She studied physical chemistry and I studied organic chemistry. We got married in 1948. There was no wedding. We just got together with our friends in the hostel. Everybody brought whatever they had, we ate and drank and that was it.

I am glad that I had an opportunity to work. I am called an outstanding personality and one of the greatest scientists in the world. This acknowledgement is very important for me.

I am 80 years old. I work from 10am till 7pm. My wife is a pensioner and she is not very happy about me working. I have students, I work in a scientific school of chemistry. I was an Honored Worker of Science and was awarded the State Prize of Ukraine. I have been in many countries in the recent years. I lectured in Germany, Czech Republic, Poland, and France. I've also lectured at the Jerusalem University. I liked it there, but I am not young any more and I don't want to change my country of living. I can call myself a happy person. I have been doing what I like. This is happiness. Big happiness.