

Maria Baicher And Yuzef Kirtzer At The Meeting Of Veterans



This photo was taken at the meeting of veterans in Moscow on the 40th anniversary of the Victory, on 9 May 1985.

The third from left is my husband Yuzef Kirtzer. He is holding a poster with the number of his division written on it. Former fellow comrades came to meetings with such posters.

I am on my husband's right holding a sign with the number of his division. On the right is Pyotr Kviat, the husband of my husband's sister Sonia Kirtzer.

My husband worked as a teacher of an art subject in the theatrical Art School. He worked in this school until he retired in 1990. Then he worked at the department of art in Moscow Pedagogical College.

At that time his textbook in drawing for secondary and special educational institutions was published. It is still very popular. Besides, he did creative work for students' performances.

He was a talented and extraordinary man and he had such a difficult life. He lost his eye, but he got education and became a good specialist. It required courage and strong will. He was very sociable and had many friends, he liked to have guests.

We had an open house and there were always guests. My co-students came and he invited artists and students. We had guests on holidays and particularly many guests on Victory Day. We always celebrated holidays, but Victory Day was a holy day.

My husband participated in the veterans' movement. They had meetings on 9th May, Victory Day. I went to these meetings with him. I still attend these meetings, though many veterans and my

husband are gone. I and children of veterans come to the meetings.