

## Mark Derbaremdiker's Family



This is my family photograph, taken in Kiev in 1951. From left to right: my wife Fira Derbaremdiker, nee Rabinovich, my daughter Sulamyth Derbaremdiker and I. During my post-graduate course at Kiev Light Industry University, in 1947, I met my future wife. She was a student at the institute. She was born into a respected Jewish family in 1923. Fira worked at a hospital at the front during World War II. She was awarded the Order of the Great Patriotic War. After Fira and her mother returned to Kiev in 1944 they lived in the hospital for some time and then they received a room on Saksaganskogo Street - and that replaced their nice apartment in Pushkin Street that they had before the war. We got married in 1948. We didn't have a wedding party, only a civil registration ceremony. Fira was a very nice, talented, intelligent and reserved Jewish woman, exactly the woman that my parents would have wanted me to marry. Our daughter Sulamyth was born in 1950. She got her name from my wife's sister Sulamyth, who died of spotted fever when she was young. Our daughter finished school and worked as a masseur specialist for some time. But she hasn't worked for a long time, she is very ill and I don't want to talk about her disease.