

## Lev Drobyazko's Wife, Nelli Drobyazko (maiden Name - Kantorovich).



My wife, Nelli Drobyazko (maiden name - Kantorovich). The photo was taken in 1980 in Kiev. I married at the age of 22. I met my future wife, Nelya Aronovna Kantorovich, at a Komsomol meeting at the Academy of Architecture. She was not even 20 at the time. However, our parents, both hers and mine, received positively the news of our desire to marry so early. But we had no place to stay. At first, we rented two small rooms in Klovisky Street, then at our house, from the writer Riva Balyasnaya, who returned from the GULAG in 1962 just as many other residents of our writers' house had. In the 1950s people were arrested from every family that lived in that house. By the beginning of the 1960s, all those who survived the camps and prisons, returned. There were not many. I remember only three Jewish families who returned.