

## Petras Genis And His Daughters Sima And Margarita



These are my son Petras and his two daughters: Sima and Margarita in New York, in 2006. Our son was born in 1954. We gave him a Lithuanian name ?Petras. My wife didn't work as she had a lot to do about the house. Our son demanded a lot of attention, but I wasn't a good help here as I was almost blind. My son did well at school. Since childhood he wanted to be in construction and he built anything he could ? from sand, stones and branches. When he finished school, he entered a construction college and finished it. Petras was never involved in social work. Although, of course, he was a pioneer like all kids of that time. Nevertheless, he wasn't going to join the Komsomol, fearing that he would be refused because of his relatives in the USA, the way it happened with me. Petras served in the Soviet Army and worked in construction. Even though he has a Lithuanian name, he identifies himself as a Jew, respects Jewish history and traditions and celebrates Jewish holidays. Petras married a Lithuanian called Stepha. They have two daughters: the elder, Margarita, was born in 1980 and the younger one, Sima, was born in 1985. In the early 1990s, when Lithuania became independent business started booming. My son also became a businessman, he became a car dealer. He bought the cars, fixed and resold them. Seven years ago he left for the USA. My granddaughters are in America as well. The elder, Margarita, graduated from university and got a bachelor's degree. She found a job in the USA that fits her qualification. Sima got a green-card and also left for America. She found a job as a housekeeper. We are looking forward to their return.