

Vladimir Nezhynski And Olga Nezhynskaya



This is a photo of my son Vladimir Nezhynski and my daughter Olga Nezhynskaya. This photo was taken in Moscow in 1951 when I was a student of the Frunze Academy. We sent this photograph to our parents in Kiev. Signed on the back: 'To our dearest grandmother Vera, grandfather Misha, aunt Ania and little brother Zarik from Vovochka and Lelichka Nezhynskiye'.

My wife Irina finished the Pedagogical College in summer 1944. Upon graduation she volunteered to the front. My regiment was at the Finnish Front at the time. Irina got an assignment to my regiment. My wife was with me until late March 1945. She got pregnant. Of course, I didn't want to

have my baby born in a frontline hospital under bombardments. When the baby was due I sent my wife to her parents in Ordzonikidze. Our daughter Olga was born there. Irina and our daughter joined me in June 1945. We've been together since then. In January 1948 my son Vladimir was born.

My wife and children had to travel with me a lot and Irina had problems finding a job each time. It often happens in military units that officers' wives have to take up jobs of waitresses or hospital attendants, even those that have a higher education. After the war my wife was busy raising our children. When the children went to school and kindergarten, my wife got lucky. Irina was director of a library in a military unit of the division where I was chief of anti-aircraft defense.