

Semyon Nezhynski And His Family



This is our family. My wife Irina Nezhynskaya, nee Razumnaya, and I standing behind our children: our son Vladimir and daughter Olga. We were photographed after the military parade on 9th May, Victory Day, in Yerevan. In the background is a Stalin monument. I sent this photo to my parents in Kiev. Signed on the back: 'To my dearest Dad and Mom, Grandma and Grandpa on Victory Day. Semyon, Irina, Olga and Vladimir, 9 May 1959.'

In 1960 I became acting chief of operations department in Yerevan. It lasted for a year. In 1962 I was elected as a deputy of military at a district council of people's deputies. I took an active part in all sessions of this council. I was responsible for protection of interests of the military and their families.

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 with raising our children. When the children went to school and kindergarten, my wife got lucky. Between 1953 through 1956 Irina was director of a library in a military unit of the division where I was chief of anti-aircraft defense.

My daughter Olga finished a secondary school in Yerevan. After finishing school she worked as a librarian in military units where I served. When we moved to Kiev Olga entered the department of book sales in a college in Kiev. She finished it successfully. Olga is a librarian. She likes her work. She has reached her retirement age, but she keeps working. Olga is single. She didn't want to marry a local man when we were in Transcaucasia. When we moved to Kiev her time had passed. She accepted it as it was. She lives with us and is our big support in life.

Our son Vladimir finished a secondary school with a gold medal in Batumi in 1966. After finishing school he entered Medical Military Academy in Leningrad. When he was a last-year student Vladimir married a Russian girl from Leningrad, Tatiana Krupakova. Tatiana finished a medical college in Leningrad. She worked as a medical nurse. She had to travel with her husband like my wife was traveling with me, but she always found a cozy house for her family.