

## Leon Solowiejczyk With His First Wife Janina Solowiejczyk



This is me with my first wife Janina Solowiejczyk, nee Lesiak. The photo was taken in the 1980s but I don't remember where exactly. I got married in 1956. My wife, Janina, nee Lesiak, was born in 1922. She was from the Kielce area, in south-central Poland. We met here in Lodz. She was also working for the army. We got married in the civil office on Kosciuszki Street. Later my friends came to my apartment, we had something to eat, to drink. There was food, there was drinking, there was a wedding. I remember I received a radio from the trade unions. We were living on the corner of Zakatna and Wieckowskiego Streets, in an old building. The room was some 40-something square meters. My wife was a kind person. A kindred spirit, very positive. And sensitive. She was very devoted to my family. We were in love. We shared the ups and downs of life. She was the director of an officers' lounge on Tuwima Street. She was both the director and the cook, everything. We were doing well. But my wife couldn't have children. Doctors told her this and that, but nothing was working. She really took it hard, I'd tell her 'Give it a break.' She died in 1994. Of cancer.