

Yakov Voloshyn With His Wife Lilia Voloshyna And Granddaughter Marina Gluschenko



This is a photo from the celebration of Victory Day in the Park of Glory in Kiev with the memorial of Victory behind us. From left to right: I, my wife Lilia Voloshyna, nee Tombak and my granddaughter Marina Gluschenko. This photo was taken in the Park of Glory in Kiev on 9 May 1989. I worked with *Kievskaya Pravda* newspaper as an artist until I retired. My career started and ended at this newspaper. I was the oldest journalist not only with this newspaper, but also, in Kiev. In 1975 I turned 60, but my editor didn't let me go until he found a decent replacement. I had to work for another year until they found a replacement. I still keep in touch with my newspaper. I've always helped them when they needed my expertise. They invite me to celebrations, congratulate me and give me presents on Victory Day. I feel that my former colleagues care for me and I appreciate it. I am the oldest employee of this newspaper and I guess, the oldest journalist in Kiev. After I retired I continued doing work for other editorial offices. I began to draw when I retired. I often went out to draw picturesque landscapes in Kiev. I also made still life pictures and portraits of my relatives. I always enjoyed drawing. We always celebrated Soviet holidays. My colleagues from editorial offices - photographers and artists visited us. There were at least 40 guests on New Year, 1 May and Victory Day. Of course, Victory Day was the most important holiday for us. It was our family tradition that my wife and I and our children and later our grandchildren went to the monument of Combat Glory and to the museum of the Great Patriotic War in the morning on this day. There were other veterans of the war. We talked about the past days and drank a little vodka to nothing of the kind ever happen in the future. My daughter Nelly finished the Industrial College in Kiev. She is a china production engineer. She married her former Ukrainian classmate. Her marital surname is Gluschenko. Nelly is a production engineer in a scientific research institute of china. She has two daughters: Marina, born in 1972, and Yekaterina, born in 1983. Marina graduated from the Philological Faculty of Kiev State University. She is a pedagog. Yekaterina studies in the Industrial Academy. Nelly and her family live in Kiev. She and my granddaughters often visit me and help me

about the house. My children have non-Jewish spouses, but it doesn't matter to me as long as my children are happy.