

Samuel Ferdmann And His Wife Mira



This is father's brother Samuel Ferdmann with his wife Mira. The picture was taken in Tallinn in 1946, shortly before Samuel's death.

Father's brother Samuel married a Jewish girl from Riga. Her name was Mira. In 1937 their son Chaim Mendle was born. He was named after Grandfather. His secular name was Charvie. He was a wonderful boy.

On 28th December 1941 my uncle Samuel's little son, Chaim Mendle, died. That day was my birthday. The kid was only four. He was the youngest and evacuation was the hardest on him. Of course, his death was a blow to the entire family.

Uncle Samuel was the first to die. He and my father were very close. They saw each other almost every day. Maybe Samuel was my father's favorite brother because of that. Samuel started feeling unwell in evacuation. He took the death of his four-year-old son really hard. He was afflicted with stenocardia after that and could not be cured. Upon his return to Tallinn Samuel hardly worked. He stayed in bed most of the time. He died of a heart attack in 1947 and he was buried in the Jewish cemetery in Tallinn. His wife Mira lived alone for many years, then she got married again. She died in 1974.