

Rita Razumovskaya With Her Family



This is a photo of me, Rita Razumovskaya (second from left), my husband Nicolas Razumovsky (second from right) and my son Alexei Razumovsky (third from left). It was taken on the 1st of May, sometime in the early 1950s.

The mother of Alexander Guriev introduced me to her pal Nicolas Razumovsky, whom I married a bit later. Nicolas was born in Vyatka; he studied in Kazan. He graduated from Gorny Institute, and taught there, while being a student. He discovered a couple deposits of copper. In pre-war times Nicolas was a professor, and during World War II he was evacuated to Sverdlovsk and worked at



some secret factory.

Our marriage took place on the same day, when Berlin was captured, on 2nd May 1945. Just after this event I moved in with my husband. He came to Leningrad with the Gorny Institute, he was a professor then. For two years we lived on the campus on Maly Avenue, my son was born there. Then we got an apartment on the Fifteenth Line, where thereafter our common family life took place.

My friends called Nicolas 'a gift for young ladies,' as he could do everything at home, he could do whatever you wanted: he was good at repairing things etc. Also he had wonderful manners and he made very funny jokes. He was a kind and open person, but not a simple one.

My elder son Alexei was born in 1946 in Leningrad. He has only a high school education, and then he became a car mechanic. He tried numerous jobs, now he is a businessman: in Opochka together with his elder son, also called Alexei, he builds hotels and houses. He is married to a Russian girl, his schoolmate; he was eighteen when he got married.