

Maya Bashmet



My wife Maya. This is my favorite photograph of her, the same portrait is engraved on her gravestone. This photo was taken in Lvov in 1980.

When the children were at school, my wife Maya was a housewife. To add to the family budget she made clothes at home. She had her clients. Later, when the children grew older, she went to work at the conservatory where she was chief dispatcher of the curriculum department. She did very well at work and her colleagues respected her. She worked till her last days.

Maya had heart problems. She died from a stroke in 1985. I lost my big friend and a very close person. The two parts of her – the Slavic and Judaic ones – were in harmony in her, she never liked pressure on one or the other side. She hated anti-Semitism and didn't like the Orthodox Jewish demonstrations, disregard or disrespect of other nations. She raised our children to share her vision.