

Simon Teytelbaumas And His Buddy



This picture was taken in Palanga in the 1970s. My son Simon Teytelbaumas is on the left, his buddy is on the right. I don't know his name. He lives in Israel.

Every year we went on vacation. Usually we were in Palanga and Druskininkai. Usually we got privileged trade union trip vouchers. If we couldn't do that, we went to the resorts and rented a room from local people.

Our son did well at school and after finishing it entered the Kaunas institute of land management the same year. Upon graduation my son worked in the design institute. Simon married a Jewish girl, Riva. My husband and I were against that marriage as we didn't like the bride and her parents. But like with my parents earlier, we couldn't prevent it and they got married. We didn't get along with my daughter-in-law from the very beginning, we just tolerated each other.

Our son lived pretty well. We helped him buy an apartment and a car. In 1972 my grandson Solomon was born. My son loved me very much and didn't share his problems with me. It turned out that he had heart pains and did not see a doctor. He didn't take good care of his health. In 1990, when he was only 44, my Simon died suddenly of a heart attack. It was a great grief for me. I kept to bed for the first time. I couldn't do anything at first. I even had to hire a housekeeper, who took care of me and gradually helped me regain my footing.