

## Mira Mlotok's Husband, Yefim Sapozhnikov



My husband, Yefim Nusimovich Sapozhnikov. The photo was made in Vladivostok, where he was working at the time, in 1939.

But when I met my husband... it was love with the first sight. That's how it happened. I had an academic concert at the college. After the concert I went to a tailor, to try something on. He was there. My God... He was wearing a naval uniform; he was cheerful and full of charm - you could not

help loving him. That tailor was his uncle. His name was Yefim Nusimovich Sapozhnikov. He went to see me off that day and did not let me go. The next day he brought me flowers. The landlady of the room I was renting was jealous because she liked me and wanted her son to marry me. She was Jewish, Nomi Iosifovna, and she wanted her son to marry a Jewish girl. But I liked Fima so much! He was an interesting young man and he wore nice clothes. He finished the Kiev Polytechnic Institute and designed a ship. He was sent to the navy, very far away, to Vladivostok. By the time we met he had been working there for a year or two and came to Kiev on vacation. We met in the middle of June 1941, a few days before the war.