

Molka Mirskaya With Her Husband Aron Mirskiy



This is me, Molka Mirskaya, with my husband Aron Mirskiy. The picture was taken in Kishinev in the 1980s. It was the first time we took a picture of us together.

When I met Aron he was a student of the Lvov Polytechnic Institute. We got married after he graduated from university in 1957. Our marriage was registered on 24th December, and our modest wedding was held on the 31st. The celebration took place at home with rather modest food and with gramophone music. At that time Jewish traditions weren't observed in our families, so nobody even mentioned the possibility of having a Jewish wedding. We moved to the house of Aron's mother and his stepfather.

In 1958 our son was born and we named him Alexander. I was a young mother and kept working, but my husband insisted that I should enter the institute. I went to Moscow to enter a Bibliographic Institute. I passed the entry exams and studied extramurally for three years. In 1963 I got very ill. I had a dreadful diagnosis - cancer. The doctor told me that I had only five years to live. I quit the institute, I couldn't even think of studying. Then it turned out that they were mistaken with the diagnosis, I had no cancer. I don't even want to recall that terrible year, thinking that I was lethally ill. My parents and husband helped me get over it. My colleagues, who treated me very well, were also very supportive at that time.

In 1970 we received a good apartment, where we are currently residing. We never came across anti-Semitism. I was promoted at work. After my husband graduated from university, he was offered a leading position in the Ministry of Automobile Transport. We were pretty well-off. We owned a car, though we didn't have a country house. In the summer time we went to a wonderful facility of the Ministry of Automobile Transport for rest and recreation. Sometimes we went to the seaside. There was a pioneer camp where Alexander spent the whole summer.