

Oto Konstein's Mother Attending A Sewing Course



My mother was the youngest child in her family.

I am not sure where or how my parents met, but I know that my mother Vilma Heimer lived with her family in Medimurje, the northeastern part of Croatia. She was born in Kotoriba in 1911.

This is a photograph where she, as a young girl of 16 or 17 attends a sewing course. She completed the course, but she never worked. She was a housewife, a very diligent young woman, caring very much for her family, very sensitive.

Although Matilda was in the house and helped around the household, my mother was nevertheless hard working and diligent in housekeeping. She was a sensitive and a caring mother, often helping my sister and me with homework and schoolwork; she was patient and understanding always showing her love for us.

When she was still a very young woman, she had some health problems and had to be operated. The operation was done in Budapest, I don't know when, and one of her kidneys was removed.

She was a sensitive and fragile person who didn't have an easy life. She was still very young when she was taken away and murdered.