

Jewish Wedding Of Fanya's Relative



It was a great wedding. It took place in Kiev in 1973, in a cafe, without a chuppah. I am utmost to the left, Dora Maryanchik is in the center.

My Russian husband Alexander Gavrilovich Karandin was Leningrad born (he was born in 1898) and bred. His parents also came from Leningrad and in 1912 built a house in the suburbs of St. Petersburg, in Sablino. Alexander Gavrilovich got university education and worked as an engineer at GIPKH [State Institute of Applied Chemistry]. My husband's father was a worker. He died in 1917 and his mother (a housewife) died in 1937. He had three sisters and one brother, who was subjected to repression. My husband's sisters got on very well with me. My husband was Russian and I decided to stay a Jew thus I did not change my last name. My aunts, who came to visit me, were very much pleased with my husband. However, a fatal tragedy befell our family. I concealed from my husband the fact that our son had a sarcoma. I did not tell him about this disease in order not to upset him, since his mother died of sarcoma. His nephew also died of this disease. My son finished school, entered the LEEI, Leningrad Electrical and Engineering Institute (part-time faculty). He served in the Army between 1964 and 1967. When he returned from the Army he worked at the LEEI and studied at the same time. However, at the age of 25 he fell sick very severely and died in 1970. It was a total tragedy for me and we could not do anything to save him.