

Toni Rosenberg With Iancu Cozin



This is my mother, Toni Rosenberg (nee Seidenberg), together with her second husband, at a wedding party in 1960. I don't remember where exactly this was.

After my father died, in 1952, my mother remarried, in 1956. Her second husband's name was Iancu Cozin. He was also a Jew. He was born in Moinesti, and then moved to Bacau. He was much older than my mother and he was a widower, just like her. He had his own family - two married daughters. One of them was named Toni, the other - I forgot. They weren't quite my mother's age, but just a mere 10-15 years younger. They're dead now.

My mother's second husband loved me - he called me 'my daughter'! When I would visit them, in Moinesti, he would go 'Come on, let me walk you around the town a little!' He would take me to see everybody: 'I have visitors, my daughter's here, my daughter's here!' He would tell everybody I was his daughter. I don't know anything about his education. He had owned oil fields, but the Communists had nationalized them. So he had opened a shoe store or something like that. He and my mother lived together for 7 years, before his death in 1963.

Then my mother left for Israel with my brother. They were the last in my family who left, in 1978. My mother died in 1986 in Israel, in Ashdod, at the age of 91. I didn't attend the funeral because I couldn't. It was during the regime of Ceausescu and people were forbidden to go, weren't they?