

## Leonid Kotliar's Wife Ghita Kotliar With Her Mother Anna Kaplunovich And Father Avraam Kaplunovich



This is my wife Ghita Kaplunovich with her parents: her mother Anna Kaplunovich, her father Avraam Kaplunovich. This photo was taken on Ghita's 15th birthday. Kiev, 1937.

In March 1947 I found my prewar friend Ghita Kaplunovich, we began to see each other. In July 1947 we registered our marriage and I moved into her apartment in the center of Kiev where she lived with her parents.

Ghita Kaplunovich was born on 14 June 1922 in Kiev. She was very good at music and when studying in her music school she could play the piano wonderfully. Her father Abram Kaplunovich was chief of district health department and her mother Hanna Lopatnik was a housewife. Ghita's father went to the front. Ghita and her mother evacuated to Serdobsk in the Ural. Ghita supervised music production in the theater and taught music in children's homes and schools. They returned to Kiev in 1944 and she entered the Piano Faculty of the Conservatory. She was a wonderful pianist and wanted to be a performing pianist, but there was one obstacle: her fingers did not fit. So she had to go to study at the theoretical department, but there she didn't get along with one lecturer and she quit the Conservatory after finishing her third year. Ghita worked as a concertmaster in schools and clubs.