

Larisa Shyhman's Husband Misha Shyhman With His Colleague



My husband Misha Shyhman (from the left), when he worked in 'Geophyspribor'. They often played chess during lunchtime. This photo was made in Kiev in the 1970s.

My husband finished Radio Faculty of Kiev Polytechnic College. He was very smart, indeed: mathematician, physicist and in general... He made 19 inventions, all of them practical.

We met at work in Zhuliany airport. He was so serious and sound-minded and I teased him. Misha conducted our political classes. He lectured on political economy, politics and communism... He was a communist and believed in the party. He was devoted to its ideas. Misha was smart, and it was interesting to spend time with him. I was fond of astronomy and he told me interesting things about stars... Then we had a walk in Podol and were passing a civil registry office and he said: 'Let's go in', and I said: 'Let us'. So we registered our marriage. No parties, no traditions. We were poor. My aunt, when she heard about it, she ran out to buy me tights; mine was all patched. We got married in April 1954.

Misha was valued in 'Geophyspribor', he worked there for a long time. He was training instructor at first, it was something different and I don't know any details. Then he got a transfer to a design office department. Misha earned well and received significant bonuses for implementation of his inventions. He was even awarded a silver medal for them. He was a joiner and then electronic equipment specialist. He made tools. My husband's colleagues also treated him well and I don't think he faced any oppression due to his nationality. We had a good life and never considered departing from this country.