

Emilia Kotliar's Cousin Leonid Vaisman



This is my uncle Shahna's son Leonid Vaisman. This photo was taken when Leonid visited us when he was in the army in Moscow in 1951. He is wearing a uniform of the Soviet Army in the picture.

We were very close with the family of Shahna Vaisman, my mother's younger brother. His family lived in Kadievka [1100 km south of Moscow]. He worked in the coal industry.

He visited us in Moscow with his son Lyonia and daughter Sima and we visited them in Kadievka. Shahna's son Lyonia served in the army and once he came to see us in Moscow. Handsome and tall and his military uniform was so becoming.

My mother's brother Shahna was born in 1910 and had a secondary technical education. He lived in Kadievka, Ukraine, in about 900 km from Moscow. He worked in the system of mine management.

His wife Rosa was Jewish. They had a son named Leonid and a daughter named Yelizaveta. His family wasn't religious.

Shahna died in 1989 and was buried in Kadievka. My mother kept in touch with her brother. She corresponded with him and they visited us in Moscow.