

Arnold Fabrikant With His Wife Nathalia Yampolskaya And Daughter Yelena Filurova



This is me with my wife Nathalia Yampolskaya and our daughter Yelena Filurova, nee Fabrikant. This photo was taken in Odessa in 1956. We went for a walk with our acquaintances on a weekend and they photographed us in the town park on Sobornaya Square. There is a monument to the general governor of Novorossiysk Krai, Count Vorontsov there. In 1948 I married Nathalia Yampolskaya. In 1949 our daughter Yelena was born. We lived with my mother. We installed a partition in her room to make a small room for ourselves. We were poor. Nathalia had makeshift shoes with a wooden sole. I wore my military uniform overcoat. I entered Odessa College of Food Industry. After finishing college I went to work at the Odessa liqueur and vodka factory. Nathalia worked at the department of organization of health care in the Medical College at first, but she found this job boring. She finished a course of rontgenologists and worked as a rontgenologist in the Jewish hospital, one of the oldest hospitals in town, built on the contributions of the Jewish community before the revolution, till she retired. My daughter went to school #101 in 1956. Though Yelena studied well, her teacher literally bullied her for nobody knew what reason. She was probably an anti-Semite. My wife and I were very wrong to not take our child to another school. We tried to talk to this teacher, but it didn't help. So our daughter suffered till she went to the fourth grade where they had different teachers and the situation improved, but this had its impact on her.