

Iosif Medved



This is a picture of my youngest brother, Iosif Medved. The photo was taken in Odessa in 1928 and sent to my father and sisters. Iosif was born in 1903 in Novozlatopol. He went to study in Odessa in 1925. He finished a Rabfak and wanted to continue his education. Later he entered and graduated from a technical institute in Moscow. He became a good engineer. He was the only member of our family with a higher education. Iosif was in evacuation in Siberia in 1941, but when the Voluntary Siberian Division was formed he volunteered to join and went to the front. He lost his left arm in the war but returned with many awards. He lived in Moscow after the war. He was an engineer. He was a nice person, and I just adored him. I saw him at his 80th birthday in 1983. His wife was ill,

and I cooked all traditional food that we were used to in the colony: gefilte fish - I bought 4 kg of fish and the guests ate it all - sweet and sour stew, chicken and honey cake. Iosif invited the commander of his division and other guests. They enjoyed the food. My brother said, 'Sima, I don't know what it would be like if you weren't here'. Iosif passed away in 1988.