

Tamara Koblik, Her Daughter Sopha Klochko And Her Husband Victor Klochko



This is me my daughter Sopha Klochko and her husband Victor Klochko. This photo was taken in Kishinev in 1986. This photograph was taken in the registry office on Victor and Sopha's wedding.

Sopha finished the 10th form with honors in 1981. Her father decided she had to enter the Mechanical Faculty of the Agricultural College that was believed to be the most difficult in Kishinev. I accompanied her to the exam in physics. There were eight groups, 240 exam takers. She was the only girl in a crowd of strong guys. Most of them had served their term in the army. Sopha went to the exam in the group of the first 6 applicants. She came out an hour later: 'Four'. [here was a 5-point marking system in the USSR]. - Why 'four'? - Mama, there were five '2's before me'. She had '5's in the rest of her exams. Sopha enjoyed her studies and had no problems with them whatsoever. Her co-students often got together visiting her. From the very beginning I noticed Victor Klochko, a handsome Russian guy in their company, - he particularly cared about Sopha. They got married before they were to get their diplomas and moved to Sokoleny where they had their job assignments. In 1987 Sopha's daughter Yulia was born and they returned to Kishinev. In spring 1995 Sopha's son Maxim was born.

At first my daughter Sopha's family was having a hard time after perestroika in the 1990s. Sopha grabbed any job she could: she knitted, looked after some children of the same age as Yulia and Maxim, picking them from school and helping them to do their homework until Sopha's husband opened a small BMW repair shop. This is their family business. Sopha works there as an accountant and Victor sister's husband helps with repairs. My granddaughter Yulia has finished school this year and will continue her studies. Maxim will go to the fourth form. My husband and I are very attached to them and they return our feelings. My grandchildren visit me on Jewish holidays and I try to teach them what I know about Jewish traditions and the history of our family.