

Mina Gomberg's Husband Arnold Gomberg



My husband Arnold Gomberg during his service in the army in 1954. I met him at my friend's wedding in one of the Kiev restaurants. We got married in 1959. We had a civil ceremony and invited our guests to a dinner my mother had prepared. We had about 15 guests: my husband's and my friends and some relatives. My husband was born to Vladimir and Dora Gomberg in Kiev in 1934. His family was religious. They celebrated Sabbath and all holidays. They went to the synagogue and prayed. They spoke Yiddish in the family and also knew Ukrainian. During the war my husband's mother, grandmother and my Arnold were in evacuation in the village of Galkino, Cheliabinskaya region [2,500 km from Kiev]. My husband went to school in Galkino, Cheliabinskaya region. There was no anti-Semitism at school. His friends were local boys and children from other evacuated families, many of which were Jewish. Kiev was liberated in 1943. My husband and his family returned to Kiev. My husband finished lower secondary school in 1951, went to work and attended an evening school to complete his secondary education. In 1953 my husband was

recruited to the army; he was in the Air Force. His service term lasted two years. After he demobilized, he finished a car repair school and worked as a driver and a car mechanic at a car maintenance facility until retirement.