

Dagmar Lieblova With Her Husband And Children



This picture was made at the garden of the house in Kutna hora.

Beside me is my husband Petr and from left daughters Zuzana and Rita.

It was during my studies that I met my future husband, Petr Liebl. He was born in Ceske Budejovice in 1935 and his parents were a mixed couple.

Towards the end of the war his mom was incarcerated in Hagibor camp and Terezin and his dad was sent to the Postoloprty labor camp. Petr spent this time at his grandmother's on his father's side in Ceske Budejovice.

I knew Petr from our cousin Lilly, who I went to see after the war. We got married in October 1955. We lived in Prague - he was in a hall of residence while I was subletting.

I gave birth to my daughter Rita in my fifth year of studies at the Arts Faculty of Charles University in Prague. I then stayed at home and wrote my dissertation.

We had little to live on, for all we had was our grant. When my grant finished, which was before my finals, I started looking for a job. I finally found a place at a high school in Caslav, where I taught German from 1956.

In the meantime, Petr finished his studies and got a job at the Mathematics Institute in Prague. I then had a second daughter, Zuzana, in 1959 and we tried to get an apartment in Prague.

In the end, we joined a cooperative and bought a housing society apartment, which we moved into in 1961. In those days I thought that we would never be able to pay for it.

At present I am the chairperson of the Terezin Initiative. As a Holocaust survivor, I go to various meetings that I am invited to. Recently, for example, I was in Hamburg, which was hosting a new exhibition on subsidiary camps, so I found myself in places that I had been during the war.

I often attend talks in Terezin with students from the Czech Republic and Germany. I also travel to Germany a lot, because the Friends of Terezin Association is based in Lower Saxony.

For many years I also worked at the local branch of the Association of Freedom Fighters. I was also chairperson of the Commission of the Swiss Fund for Needy Holocaust Victims and am now on the Appeals Commission for slave and forced laborers within the framework of the Czech-German Future Fund.