

## Elena Mikhailova



This is my wife, Elena Mikhailova.

This is the way she looked shortly after we got married.

The picture was taken for the passport change after getting married, when Elena took my last name.

The picture was taken in Moscow in 1961.

I met my future wife Elena Feinstein at my friend's place.

Elena was younger than me. She was born in December 1933 in a town outside Moscow called Noginsk.

Elena finished school and entered the engineering and economic institute.

After graduation she stayed in Moscow and had a mandatory job assignment to a design institute

to work as an economist.

Our wedding was ordinary. We got registered in the marriage registration office and had a wedding party in the evening with our kin and friends.

We lived with my parents. Father died a few months after our wedding. He was buried in the city cemetery.

Of course, the funeral was secular as my father had been an atheist and a party member.

After my father's death we were given an apartment in the residential area of Moscow. The house was located not very far from the metro, and there was an elevator. Of course, that apartment wasn't equal to ours, but we agreed to it, because of the elevator. We still live in that apartment.

In 1963 our only daughter, Victoria, was born. Elena kept on working.

Mother was retired at that time and helped us raising our daughter.

Victoria grew up like other Soviet children. She went to school, joined the Oktyabryata, the pioneers and the Komsomol.

My mother spent most time with her. My wife and I worked hard and were pressed for time.

We tried to spend the weekend with our daughter. We went for a stroll, to the theater and the circus.

My mother died in 1981, the year when Victoria finished school.

We buried her next to my father in the city cemetery.