

Tibor And Valentina Gohman With Tatania Gohman



This is me, Tibor Gohman (on the right), my wife Valentina and granddaughter Tatania Gohman . This photo was taken near our home in Uzhhorod in 1997, before Tatania's prom at school. A photographer was invited to photograph school graduates and their parents who were dressed up for the prom.

I worked as a driver in an equipment yard. My wife worked as an assembly worker at a tool manufacturing plant. Uzhhorod is surrounded with picturesque mountains and there are many slopes for skiing. We liked going hiking in the mountains when I was free on weekends. In winter we skied and in spring and summer we just walked on the picturesque outskirts. We also liked to spend vacation in a nice spot in Subcarpathia. I had to work a lot to provide well for the family. I often went on trips and stayed away from my family for few days in a row. I worked from morning till night and only came home to eat and sleep. Valentina took care of the household. Fortunately she understood that it was not my caprice, but life's necessity. When I had days off we tried to spend this time together. We only spoke Russian at home. In the morning we walked with the children and took them to the cinema. Valentina made more plentiful dinners on such days and we ate and talked with our children. In the evening, when the children went to bed, Valentina and I went to the theater or to visit our friends. Unfortunately, those were rare occasions. In 1987 I retired.

My daughter Natalia went to study at a hairdresser's school. After finishing it she went to work as a hairdresser. In 1974 she got married. My wife arranged a dinner for the newly weds' friends. Natalia's husband Dmitriy Galushko is Ukrainian. Dmitriy was a nice and reliable man and I knew that my daughter was going to be happy with him. He was a professional military and returned from Afghanistan. After the wedding Dmitriy got a new assignment to Germany and Natalia followed him there. They lived in Germany for 5 years. Shortly after Natalia and her husband returned to Uzhhorod our house was pulled down to build a new multi-storied building. My daughter received a 3-bedroom apartment and my wife and I received a 2-bedroom apartment. Natalia and Dmitriy's son Oleg was born in 1980 and daughter Tatiana was born in 1985. Oleg studies in Kiev College of International Relationships and works in Ukrainian Security Service. He is married. His wife is a student and she is Ukrainian. Natalia's daughter Tatiana is finishing school this year.