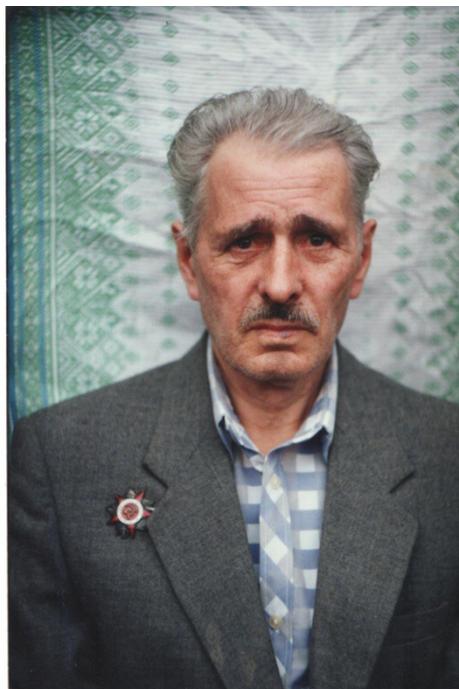


**Nobody is forgotten, nothing is forgotten! It is dedicated to the memory of my grandfather.**

*Do not put off till tomorrow,  
what you can learn from the history of the family today,  
especially if this information is held by the people of old age  
(V.S. Martyshin).*

War... It is grief and tears. She tapped on every house, brought misfortune and involved the destinies of many families. There is hardly a single family in which fathers, husbands, children, grandmothers, grandfathers, brothers and sisters went to the front. There were thousands of people who had suffered terrible torments, but they survived and won. They won the severest of all wars. Still living are the people who managed to defend in the hardest battles their Motherland. The war recurs to them as the most terrible and sad reminiscence.

The Great Patriotic War left an indelible trace in the history of my family too. I'm proud of the fact that my grandfather, Litvinenko Alexey Grigorievich, took part in it.



In 1940 when he was 19 years old he was drafted into the army. He was sent to the Ryazan military college of communication. He got to the Central front. Later year in 1943 he participated in the Orel-Kursk battle as a signaller.



Soon he was wounded in the hand but it didn't prevent him from fighting in further battles. That was not the end of his troubles. In 1944 his battalion was surrounded by the fascists and my grandfather was taken prisoner and was sent to the war prisoner's camp which was situated on the territory of Germany. It was with pain that days spent in Munich and used to say: "...those were the worst days in my life. It was very hard to see people dying before my eyes. Meanwhile we worked like galley slaves, starved, froze and it was only by a miracle that I survived". In April, 1945 he was freed by the Soviet armies. After the war was over he served in the army in the Ukraine and participated in defeat of Bandera gangs. In July, 1947 he was at last demobilized. His military way is shown by numerous awards, such as: the Order of the Great Patriotic War; the medal of Military Merit; the medal for "The Victory over Germany"; the medal for "Bravery"; the medal of "The Participant in the Orel-Kursk Battle" and a few Jubilee Medals.



After he returned home, he graduated from the building technical school and worked at several construction sites in Russia. He constructed houses and industrial buildings. For many years of conscientious work my grandfather was awarded the medal of “Veteran of Labour” and the diploma of the “Honorary Builder”.



Unfortunately my grandfather is not with us now. He died in 2005. But he lives in the memory of our family. And I’m proud of my remarkable grandfather and I will always remember him.

This year we will celebrate the 69th anniversary of The Victory of the Great Patriotic War. Our duty is to preserve the memory of the heroic feats of the veterans and workers on the home front. We all are proud of our ancestors, who saved us from

the Nazis, defended the independence of our Motherland. And the smallest that we can do, as my opinion, is to honor the memory of the fallen, at least by laying flowers to the bottom of monuments.



**Litvinenko E.V.**