

From a tree climber to grandpa

My grandfather Zygmunt had very interesting life...

Grandpa is born

My grandpa was born on 17th of September 1951 in Elbląg. It was 6 years after World War II and grandpa's parents traveled around the country to find a job and a place to live. Finally they settled down in Mińsk Mazowiecki.

Grandpa had older brother and younger sister. His father worked in factory of cranes and his mother was a cooker in a high school.

Childhood

As a child he read a lot of books. He enjoyed climbing trees. He liked spending time on countryside. He was full of energy and enthusiasm. He often got into trouble when he was playing with his slingshot.



Grandpa as a tree climber

Military service

After school grandpa served as an airborne parachutists. During his service grandpa had very serious car accident. Fortunately, he recovered after few weeks of rehabilitation. After that he became a car mechanic. He was handyman and he did a lot of things on his own.



Grandpa as an airborne parachutists

Starting a family

When he was 28 he got married with my grandma Danuta. After 1 year his son, Robert was born. Two years later his daughter Ania was born. It was very hard time to live. He was a member of "Solidarność" and he took part in strike in his workplace. He waited almost 18 years to get his own apartment. When he finally got it in 1990 he was extremely happy.

When Grandpa was 40 years old, he had to stop working because of serious illness. Despite this in 2008 he built the house on countryside with garden full of trees.



A wedding of Grandpa and Grandma

The second youth

In 2010 my grandpa's first grandson was born. He was very happy. It was the second youth for him. He could buy his grandson a real slingshot, just like his old one.

Now he has three grandsons and he is very proud. And his story is still being written...



Mashroom picking – grandpa and grandson