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My great-grandfather – Anatoly Fedorovich Kochetov

«Dedicated to great-grandchildren!»



Every year our country honors veterans of the Great Patriotic War. But they are spoken of collectively as a Great Army. But this strength and power was made up of individuals. And while at least one descendant of a veteran of the Great Patriotic War is alive, the story of his great-grandfather, great-great-grandfather will be interesting to future generations. After all, all the strength of the people is in its past. The modern generation has an interest in the events of those years and I set a goal: to learn more about my great-grandfather who participated in the Great Patriotic War. My task, first of all, was to find out what I needed to know about his exploits during the war. This is a modest man who did not think during the war that he was performing a feat.

My great-grandfather, Anatoly Fedorovich Kochetov, was born on November 3, 1909 in a family of workers in the village of Baranovka, Kostroma region. This man went to the front in 1941 as a volunteer, leaving his wife and four children at home. It should be noted that having only 3 classes of education under his belt, Anatoly Fedorovich was distinguished by a flexible mind, dexterity of hands, hard work and endurance. Unfortunately, neither I nor my great-grandfather's close relatives know anything about his exploits and hardships at the front. In all probability he himself did not like to talk about the war and did not tell much about that harsh and unbearably difficult time. It is known that the man served in a motorcycle rifle regiment and received a combat through-wound to both thighs on January 4, 1942 while desperately defending against the enemy. He was treated in a military hospital after being wounded, but this did not prevent him from reaching Berlin alive and staying there to restore the national economy (he was an excellent stoker, laying stoves). He was demobilized on May 9, 1945, but returned home in 1946, where his wife and children were waiting for him.

Fortunately, Anatoly Fedorovich turned out to be a strong and very lucky man, the war crippled his health, but did not take the lives of his closest and closest people. And after the war, life continued. In 1952 the Kochetovs' family had another child, the last one – my grandmother Galina Kochetova, who is still alive today. She keeps a great memory of the man who not only gave her life, but also saved the lives of thousands of other people. The hero of my story lived a long life, during which he received the Order of Great Glory of the 3d degree in 1972. **Medals:**

- for 30 years of the SA and Navy;
- for the 20th anniversary of Victory;



- for the 50th anniversary of the USSR armed forces;
- For the defense of Moscow.



Death overtook the warrior in 1996 on January 8 in Kineshma, Ivanovo region, by that time my grandmother was already caring for her father. I'm sure my great-grandfather would have lived even longer if it hadn't been for a broken right hip and the effects of a battle injury.