

## War and Peace: A Family's Legacy and Lessons for Humanity

A family plays an important role in every person's life. From an early age, a child receives the most essential human values within the family: love, care, compassion, and kindness. Children learn to understand the difference between good and evil, truth and lies. I believe that every family has its own traditions and customs that are passed down from older generations to younger ones.

This year – 2025 - has been declared the Year of Victory in Russia. On May 9, we all commemorate a significant anniversary — 80 years since the Great Patriotic War. In our Republic, there are also many families who suffered because of that war and lost their dear ones. In my family, my great-grandfathers and grandfathers fought in that war. One of my grandmothers was a home front worker. They are no longer with us. Now, only one grandmother, Nina, remains in our family. She is a child of the war, born in 1941. She told me about the difficult post-war years, the hunger she endured in childhood, and all the hardships and deprivations she had to suffer. Elderly people deserve our attention and we need to support them in every possible way. This year, she was awarded a commemorative medal and a special gift from the city administration of Yakutsk in honor of the 80th anniversary of Victory. It was a deeply emotional moment for her — she cried as she remembered her childhood.

We cherish our grandmother. I try to make her happy with my achievements at school, spend more time with her, and talk to her often. My grandma in her eighties is still a passionate gardener, she grows vegetables in the summer house. Even if we live in a harsh climate, a short Yakutian summer is enough for her to gather a little harvest in autumn. I help her with preparing the soil to grow potatoes in spring and gather snow into the barrels to use later to water the plants and vegetables. I learnt and keep on learning new things from her, I am very grateful for all the love she pours down on me.

I believe that we must remember our past and know the history of our country. Just like during the Great Patriotic War, we must stand for peace and fight against fascism.