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## **In memory of Valentina Nikolaevna:**

There are women that devoted their entire lives to their husbands – there are a few of them. There are women who live for their children – there are very many of them. But only very few women give all their energy and their entire lives to an idea – there are not many of them and the number is getting smaller and smaller.

Valentina Nikolaevna lived for the ideas of her husband, for his cause that became a cause of hers too. When he passed away she lived for his memory – women like Valentina Nikolaevna Zhuravleva are very rare on this planet. It was lucky for Genrikh Saulovich Altshuller, the creator of TRIZ, to have met specifically her in their young days and have lived his life specifically with her and left her the result of his creative work – the science of powerful thinking

For us, who are “in TRIZ”, who have known Valentina Nikolaevna for many years it was a sheer joy to be in touch with her and it was a double pleasure when we had a chance spend some time together with this wonderful couple – Genrikh Saulovich and Valentina Nikolaevna.

She was the wife of the creator of TRIZ, but she also had a totally independent and self-sufficient personality (it is enough to read any of the science-fiction stories of Valentina Zhuravleva to be immediately convinced in that) - and if it had been otherwise there would not have been that TRIZ community worldwide, informal, without any bureaucratic structure or limitations.

Those who are “in TRIZ” is a united family and the role of Valentina Nikolaevna in defining this family is huge. TRIZ is a science, a dynamic and evolving science that has been recognized by more and more researchers and Valentina Nikolaevna contributed a lot to make it happen.

Valentina Nikolaevna lived her life according to the Life Strategy of the Creative Person – she always chose the right moves in this game for creative life, she always did the right things never compromising her principles, the principles of the Creative Person.

We, for whom TRIZ has become a part of our lives, will always remember Valentina Nikolaevna and when we are no longer here the memory of Valentina Nikolaevna will continue living in the hearts of those who will come after us.

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| 1. Павел Амнуэль,      | 10. Евгения Попко,          |
| 2. Владимир Петров,    | 11. Татьяна Французова,     |
| 3. Валентина Березина, | 12. Людмила Скоробогатова,  |
| 4. Сергей Яковенко,    | 13. Костя Кравец,           |
| 5. Семен Литвин,       | 14. Марк Шустерман,         |
| 6. Вадим Канер,        | 15. Павел Фищенко,          |
| 7. Михаил Шустерман,   | 16. Иван и Василий Брусковы |
| 8. Валерий Мурашкевич, | 17. Jim Bradley             |
| 9. Татьяна Басова,     |                             |