

## OBITUARY

P. M. LITVINENKO



Petr Moseevich Litvinenko, holder of the State Award of the USSR, a veteran of the Great Patriotic War, member of the Communist party of the USSR, and director of the Voronezh Ceramic-Ware Plant, has died suddenly.

Litvinenko was born on December 19, 1922 in the village of Kotarki Chigirinsk in the Kirovograd oblast. After graduating in 1950 from the Kiev Technological Institute where he specialized in engineering technology, he worked as a master craftsman in the casting and molding shop at the Kirov Structural Faience Plant. Between 1954 and 1957, he was head of a shop at the Voronezh Economic Council, advancing from Senior engineer of the production engineering Department to head of the board of the structural-materials industry. From December of 1965 until the last few days of his life, Litvinenko was director of the Voronezh Ceramic-Ware Plant.

During the whole of his working life Litvinenko was associated with the development of the structural-materials industry. In his practical activity he has initiated many new developments. He played a direct role in developing and engineering the mechanization of production processes and for this he was awarded the State Prize of the USSR in 1968.

He has made an enormous contribution to the development of the ceramic industry. The plant was reconstructed under his direction and, with the active participation of the whole Voronezh plant, technical reequipment was carried through providing significantly increased capacity and the technology of producing high-quality ceramic facing tiles with an ornamental coating was mastered.

For the first time in this branch of industry, the State Emblem of Quality was awarded to the plant's products. A shop for the preparation of frit and ceramic pigments was brought on stream and made it possible to increase production efficiency and improve the quality of the ceramic products throughout this branch of industry as a whole.

Litvinenko took an active part in social and political work and was a member of the Bureau of the Soviet Regional Committee of the CPSU in Voronezh.

His services in wartime and to industry were highly valued by his country. Among his awards were the Order of Lenin, the Order of the Red Banner of Labor, and many medals.

Litvinenko was an extremely modest and sympathetic man. He was highly cultured, a perfectionist, and a man of high principles. He enjoyed the great affection and respect from the workers in the industry.

A warm memory of Petr Moiseevich Litvinenko, a talented director and a remarkable human being, will always remain in the hearts of those who knew him.

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