

OBITUARY

KONSTANTIN GRIGOR'EVICH ROMANCHENKO



Konstantin Grigor'evich Romanchenko passed away on February 16, 1974 in his 53rd year after a short illness. K. G. Romanchenko, M. Techn. Sc., had been a member of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union since 1952, fought in the Great Patriotic War, and held the post of deputy director of the Ukrainian Scientific-Research Institute of Refractories. He was born in 1921 in Khar'kov as the son of a railroad official.

In 1939 K. G. Romanchenko was called up into the Red Army. His wartime service earned him a Class III Order of Merit and the medal "For Victory over Germany." After demobilization in 1946 he entered the silicates faculty of the V. I. Lenin Polytechnical Institute in Khar'kov. After graduation in 1951 he obtained a post at the Ukrainian Scientific-Research Institute of Refractories.

Starting as junior science worker at the Institute, K. G. Romanchenko was eventually appointed deputy director of the Institute. In 1962 he defended his Master's Thesis and in 1969 was awarded the title Senior Science Worker. He had been a member of the Science Council of the Institute since 1961. During his time at the Institute, K. G. Romanchenko combined his function as organizer and leader with research on the technology of dinas for coke ovens, corundum fine-ceramics, and refractories for induction furnaces and stainless-steel casting plant. The results of this work found practical applications in the industry. K. G. Romanchenko took an active part in public life and was a member of the Party Office of the Institute and chairman of the regional section of the Scientific and Technical Society of Ferrous Metallurgy.

His long years of fruitful work won K. G. Romanchenko the award of the medal "For Valiant Labor. Centenary of the Birth of V. I. Lenin."

Modesty, responsiveness, kindness, and sincerity were combined in K. G. Romanchenko with great diligence.

The shining memory of Konstantin Grigor'evich Romanchenko, true son of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, devoted worker, and sympathetic comrade, will always remain in the hearts of all who knew him and had worked with him.

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