

Stanislaw & Stefania Prycak
Righteous Among Nations
Yad Vashem Story “Corrected Version by Zofia”
Communications with their daughter, Zofia Gadomska Paluch
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Preface: **Sent:** Wednesday, March 21, 2018 1:48 PM

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Zofia claims there are mistakes in what Yad Vashem published. See the comments way down below in **red**.

Pyrcak FAMILY

Pyrcak Stanisław (1909 - 1998)

Pyrcak Stefania (1917 - ?), WIFE

Pyrcak Michał (? - 1945), BROTHER

Rescue Story

Pyrcak, Michał (Stanislaw bother)

Pyrcak, Stanisław (Zofia's father)

Pyrcak, Stefania (Zofia's mother)

Kuśmierczyk, Mrs.

Early in the fall of 1942, during the deportations from the Sanok ghetto in the Rzeszów district, Michał Pyrcak, and his widowed friend, Mrs. Kuśmierczyk, contacted a group of Jews and promised to hide them. The group of seventeen hid in Kuśmierczyk's home. Michał, who went out to buy food for the refugees they were hiding, was robbed, and after he was handed over to the Germans, was sent to the Mauthausen concentration camp, and

never returned from there. Kuśmierczyk, who feared that she might share a similar fate, accompanied by Moshe Lieberman, one of the refugees, went to the home of Stanisław Pyrcak, Michał's brother, who was living with his wife Stefania and their ~~five~~ (1) ~~four~~ children in the nearby village of Prusiek. The two told him what had happened to his brother and asked for his help. Stanisław Pyrcak, a religious and fairly well-off man, agreed to hide the group of Jews in his home, for humanitarian reasons, after having shared his decision to rescue them with his wife Stefania. In October 1942, the seventeen refugees arrived at the Pyrcak home, where a shelter had been dug for them in the barn. They hid there for nearly two years, until the liberation in August 1944, and all seventeen survived. Among the Jews saved by Pyrcak and his wife were: five members of the Kramer family, six members of the Lieberman (2) family, four members of the Propper family and Mr. and Mrs. Forer. They all were penniless when they came to the Pyrcak home, and throughout the entire period of their hiding, the Pyrcaks bore all the expenses of maintaining them. They did so despite the grave risk they were taking in a hostile environment, and although Stanisław's brother Michał had already paid with his life for his own act of rescue.

On June 17, 1984 Yad Vashem recognized Stanisław Pyrcak, his wife Stefania Pyrcak, his brother Michał Pyrcak, and the widow, Mrs. Kuśmierczyk as Righteous Among the Nations.

(1) = Zofia said only 4 during the war. On July 21, 1944 (5th children – sister Irena....still lives in Sanok Poland....but her daughter lives in Bartlett IL).
Zofia was born January 24, 1953 after the war.

(2) Zofia said her father said Lieberman (one of the Liebermans) was a very nice man....he moved to New York...and communicated with him after the war.

(*) Youngest child came to hiding, a boy, Anek Stein She is 100% about this name. She remembers this because she had to write letters to Yad Vashem.

*Zofia mother's died in March (?) 1989. Father died in April (?) 1998.

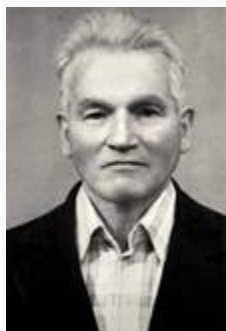
*Adam and Zofia married Nov. 3, 2017 in Waukegan Court House (Ida found out as they were driving to the court house). They met in August 2017 and after one day he said he wanted to marry her. Adam knew Zofia friend (Anna)....Anna showed Adam photo of Zofia....Adam called me.... 1st date was a dancing Club (Alibaba Dance Club on Harlem).

*When Irena went to Grammar School....students found out family hid Jews....called "Zyduwieca" (Jewess....not in a nice way)....approx 1951, 1st grade.

*Father had farm in Prusiek during the war up to 1965. Not a specialty farm...he grew "everything"....cows, pigs, potato, beets, chickens...200 chickens with incubators.. In 1965 they moved to Sanok and built new home. In Sanok he worked as a "first responder" in an ambulance. Mother did not work.

*Zofia came in 2007 first time. Her niece got her an extension.....after 4 ½ months she got answer that she went home...and she left 2 weeks earlier than the final date in the letter (11 months). Came back again April 21, 2009. Did not come back since.

*Oldest sister (Zdzislawa) passed away in 2012. She never came to USA...she had contact with some of the 17 members/family. Up to 1968....then some of the survivors of Israel and USA (Lieberman's in NY). His father had to find them because of Yad Vashem. Father wanted to find all the families. Lieberman did write letter to Zofia's father...and said told father that of them did not want to get involved...."why do we need to look for others saved...we want to forget." **Gallery** תמונה Credit: ZIH



Zofia's father (Zofia thinks taken in the mid-1960's. He had dark black hair until he was in his 50's.



Wall of Honor #22



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