



Voluslav Vladimirovitch Mitrofanov

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Voluslav Vladimirovitch Mitrofanov was born February 21 1928 in Simferopol in the marine officer's family. The family moved a lot during Mitrofanov's formative years: 1929-1936 the family lived in Leningrad; then, in Moscow, starting in 1938 they lived in Votkins, where Mitrofanov completed junior high school. Shortly after the family moved to Sverdlovsk where Voluslav went to work as a lath operator at the Ural Heavy Machine Building plant. In 1943, he enrolled into Young's School of the Northern Fleet. Upon completion of the School, he served as a radio operator on the destroyer "Gromky".

After the WWII, in 1945 Mitrofanov completed a school for Navy Chiefs and was serving on a destroyer, a tanker and a tag boat. In 1950, he was honorably discharged at a rank of senior sailor while serving on destroyer "Strogy". Then, he came back to Leningrad, worked in the Physics Department of University of Leningrad as a mechanic and subsequently graduated from high school.

In 1954, he enrolled in the night studies of LITMO and worked as a laboratory technician at the Radium Institute, and in 1960 he graduated from LITMO. After graduating, he worked as a junior researcher.

In 1960, Mitrofanov began his almost 40 years long tenure at "Svetlana". Starting as an engineer, he was eventually promoted to the position of the Deputy Chief Engineer of the semiconductor department.

He was awarded the Order of Honor, Medal of Ushakov, For the Defense of the Soviet Arctic, For Victory over Germany, 300 years of the Russian Navy, two gold medals at ENEA and various commemorative medals.

Mitrofanov received the title of Honored Technologist of the Russian Federation.

In 1973, he founded the school of the inventor, and then at the Vyborg Palace of Culture and Technology - Public University of scientific and technical creativity, where he served as the rector for many years. At the heart of the university's program are scientific papers GS Altshuller - engineer, science fiction writer, author of the famous Theory of Inventive Problem Solving (TRIZ). V.V. Mitrofanov - one of the few "apostles", i.e. direct students and colleagues of G. S. Altshuller - is the founder and head of the country's largest scientific school of "practical TRIZ". From the walls of the University came not only inventors and developers, but also brilliant teachers of TRIZ. Among them Gerasimov V. M., Gerasimov O. M., Zlotin B. L., Kryachko V. B., Kislov A. V., Litvin S. S., Petrov V. M. and many others.

V. V. Mitrofanov is distinguished by the encyclopedic knowledge, deep and broad interests, active scientific curiosity, the ability to look from an unexpected angle at the most serious problems in various fields, including - far from his main specialty, offer original approaches to solving these problems, and in some cases find solutions on the level of discovery. All this is reflected in his book; however, the seriousness of the material did not prevent fascinating presentation.