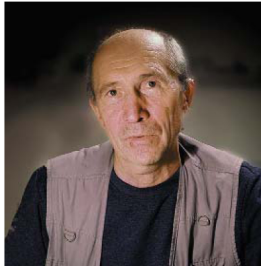


IN MEMORY OF ALEXANDER N. MINEEV



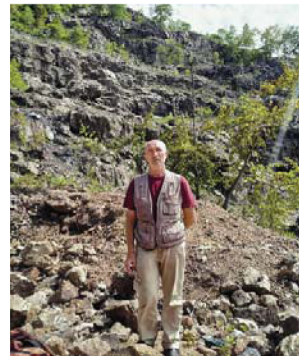
On November 5, 2021 Sasha (his friends call him so) Mineev, a well-known collector, wonderful person, kind and sympathetic friend, passed away.

We offer our condolences to his family and join them in mourning him. His bright image will forever remain in our memory.

The article published below was prepared during Sasha's lifetime and with his participation. Let this publication once again remind our readers of this bright man who left us in such an untimely way.

Alexander Nikolaevich Mineev (September 20, 1955 – November 5, 2021).
Photo portrait by Boris Z. Kantor.

The photos on this page are from the family archive of Alexander N. Mineev. They are provided by his son Vladimir A. Mineev.



DALNEGORSK MINERALS IN THE COLLECTION OF ALEXANDER N. MINEEV

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This article has been written with Alexander N. Mineev's participation.

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1. **Sphalerite**. 7 cm.
Second Sovetskiy Mine, Dalnegorsk, Primorskiy Krai, Russia.
2. **Galena**. 7 cm.
Second Sovetskiy Mine, Dalnegorsk, Primorskiy Krai, Russia.

The Dalnegorsk ore field for many decades has endowed many researchers, collectors, and dealers with fabulous specimens of crystallized galena, sphalerite and pyrrhotite; calcite and quartz; ilvaite, datolite, danburite and many other mineral species. For all of these, Dalnegorsk is the world's best. It is not in vain that Dalnegorsk is nicknamed a Mineralogical Paradise.

Alexander N. Mineev, a Moscow mineral collector, was a frequent visitor here. Alexander, an aircraft technician in the past, is a sociable pensioner who is very modest in his interactions. At a casual glance, his collection makes a similar impression the specimens are mostly of small sizes and do not look luxurious at all. In the strict sense, it is not quite a collection; the specimens are neither systematized nor recorded by the rules; all the circumstances of find or purchase are stored in the Alexander's personal memory. This of course is in no way an example to be emulated. Nonetheless most of the main Dalnegorsk species are represented here. The excellent sphalerite and galena specimens (Fig. 1, 2) are neighbors to a small axinite "flame" (Fig. 3) and morphologically rich fluorite and ilvaite crystals (Figs 4–6); a danburite crystal is present (Fig. 7); a pyrrhotite crystal of beautiful, classic shape (Fig. 8); gorgeous spherosiderite, the spheroidal variety of siderite (Fig. 9) and even exotic johannsenite (Fig. 10), and more. It is impossible to describe all this splendor in a short review; therefore we suggest the reader to pay attention to what distinguishes the Mineev's col-

