

# KAPTURAUSKAS BRANCH



**ANTANAS  
BALTRŪNAS**

Unknown



**STANISLOVAS  
BALTRŪNAS**

1860 - 1903



**VIKTORIJA  
SOBOLEWSKA**

1870 - 1926



**STASYS  
BALTRŪNAS**

Unknown



**VINČAS  
BALTRŪNAS**

Unknown



**STEFANIJA  
BALTRŪNAITĖ**

1888 - 1975



**AUGUSTINAS  
KAPTURAUSKAS**

1888 - 1975



**MARIJA  
BALTRŪNAITĖ**

1896 - 1967



**ONA  
BALTRŪNAITĖ**

1903 - 1975



**TERESĖ  
BALTRŪNAITĖ**

1903 - 2001



**DONATAS  
BALTRŪNAS**

1895 - 1958



**ALBINA  
KAPTURAUSKAITE**

Unknown



**STASĖ  
KAPTURAUSKAITĖ**

1920 - 2003



**KAZYTĖ  
LEVIŠAUSKIENĖ**

1921 - 2006



**ALGIRDAS  
KAPTURAUSKAS**

1922 - 1960



**REGINA  
KAPTURAUSKAITĖ**

1925 - 2009



**MAGDALENA  
KAPTURAUSKIENĖ**

1926 - 2018



**ALGIMANTAS  
KAPTURAUSKAS**

1927 - 1970



**DINA MAGDUTĖ**

Unknown



**SAULĖ  
KAPTURAUSKAITĖ**

1956 - 2014



**DANUTE  
KAPTURAUSKAITE**

1948 - Living



**VIOLETA  
KAPTURAUSKAYTE**

1958 - Living



# ALGIMANTAS KAPTURAUSKAS

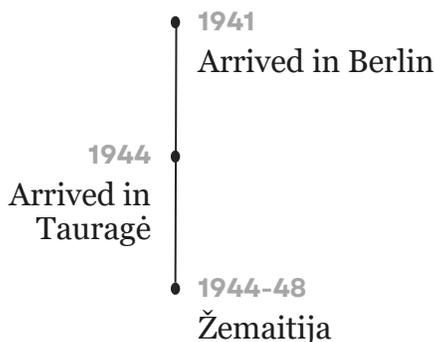
Algimantas Kapturauskas was born in 1927 in Kaunas, Lithuania, and came of age during one of the most turbulent eras in Lithuanian history. When the Second World War reached Lithuania and the Soviet front pushed westward around 1941, Algimantas—still barely a teenager—left Lithuania for Germany.



There, he trained at the Abwehr, the German military intelligence service headquartered in Berlin. His training placed him among a select group of young Lithuanian men prepared for clandestine missions behind Soviet lines.



Abwehr Headquarters, 1938



Algimantas Kapturauskas

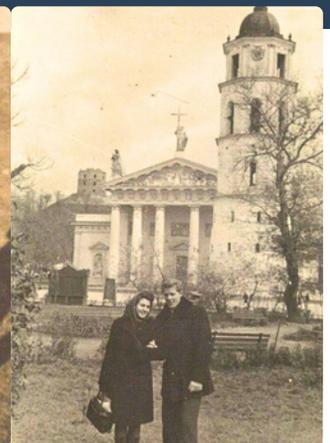
## MISSION TO TAURAGĖ

In 1944, at only 17 years old, Algimantas was deployed on a secret operation. He was flown back to Lithuania and parachuted into the Tauragė region—an incredibly dangerous assignment given the chaos of the Eastern Front. After landing, he joined the Lithuanian anti-Soviet underground in the forests of Žemaitija, adopting the codename “Aras.”

Algimantas soon became a member of the Golden Guard (Auksinė Gvardija), one of the resistance organizations dedicated to opposing renewed Soviet occupation. These forest fighters—better known as the Lithuanian Partisans or Forest Brothers—waged a desperate guerrilla war for national independence. Algimantas was one of the youngest among them.

## MARRIAGE AND FATHERHOOD

Despite the dangers of partisan life, Algimantas managed to carve out moments of normalcy and hope. In 1946, he married Magdalena Batutytė (born 1926). Two years later, in 1948, their daughter Danutė Kapturauskaitė (Kleinas) was born.



Magdalena and Algimantas



Vilnius Cathedral, 1948



Virginija Šabanaitė Kaikarienė with her uncle Algimantas Kapturauskas at Vaidas Kriukelis's wedding.



Algimantas Kapturauskas with his daughter Danute.

### ARREST IN VILNIUS

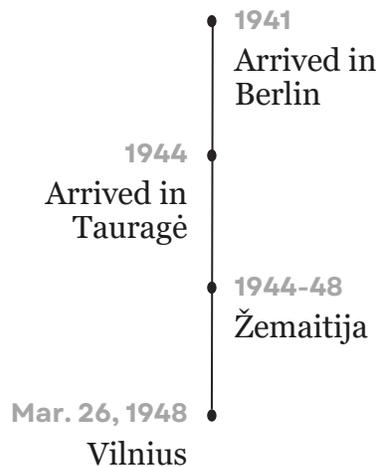
But 1948 was also the year everything collapsed. On March 26, 1948, Algimantas was captured by Soviet authorities and taken to prison in Vilnius. Like thousands of partisans and suspected sympathizers, he was charged under Article 58 of the Soviet penal code—an infamous provision used to imprison anyone accused of “anti-Soviet agitation” or “counter-revolutionary” activities.



Three cousins; Gediminas Baltrūnas (son of Donatas), Algimantas Kapturauskas (son of Marija) and Leonardas Makauskas (son of Terese).

On July 31, 1948, at just 21 years old, Algimantas was sentenced to:

- 25 years in the Gulag, and
- 5 additional years of exile after imprisonment.



Algimantas Kapturauska



## THE GULAG: INTA, KOMI REPUBLIC

On September 18, 1948, he was transported to Minlag, in Inta, located in the Komi Republic of northern Russia. Minlag had evolved from the earlier Intalag camp and was designated for political prisoners—intellectuals, clergy, soldiers, partisans, and anyone perceived as a threat to Soviet control.

Political prisoner Algimantas Kapturauskas (right) in the Inta camp with a friend



The Inta Corrective Labor Camp.



Like many inmates, Algimantas was forced to work in the coal mines, enduring brutal conditions, extreme cold, starvation, and constant surveillance. He remained imprisoned there for 10 years.

On July 14, 1956, after Stalin's death and the Khrushchev-era thaw, Algimantas' prison term officially ended. However, he was exiled until 1964 and was forbidden from ever returning to Lithuania.

Inta camp prisoner Algimantas Kapturauskas.



Prisoners of the Inta camp: from the left, Antanas Padleckis (music teacher and choir director) is sitting on a motorcycle next to Algimantas Kapturauskas.



Inta camp prisoners with their relatives, summer of 1955, under the bridge built by camp prisoners. In the front right is Magdalena Kapturauskienė with her daughter Danute.





Postcard written and drawn by Algimantas Kapturauskas, who was imprisoned in the Inta camp, on the occasion of Easter. In a silver wavy frame, there is a greeting in blue ink to his wife Magda. On the left side of the postcard, Gediminas' Tower with a flag, a floral ornament and a decoration of three daisies is drawn in silver paint. The postcard is decoratively trimmed with scissors. On the other side, there is a greeting to his daughter Danuta. - March 21, 1956



Algimantas Kapturauskas, standing outside one of the buildings of the Sanatorium Rahu Beljaikin, Pärnu, Estonia, after returning from a camp and exile. 1964

## LIFE IN EXILE: MINSK, BELORUSSIA

During his years of exile, Algimantas met Dina Kapturauskayte, a Belarusian woman who later became his wife. In 1958, they welcomed a daughter, Violeta Kapturauskaitė.

Unable to return to Lithuania, Algimantas settled with his family in Minsk, Belorussia, where he spent the remainder of his life.



Algimantas, his wife Dina, and Rimas.



Algimantas, his wife Dina and daughter Viola Kapturauskayte.

After decades marked by war, underground resistance, imprisonment, and forced displacement, Algimantas passed away on November 17, 1978—still in exile, far from the homeland he had risked everything to defend.

# ALGIRDAS KAPTURAUSKAS



Algirdas Kapturauska, second from the right.

## ALGIRDAS KAPTURAUSKAS

Algirdas Kapturauskas was born in 1923, in a generation of young Lithuanians who came of age just as their country was swallowed by the brutal tides of occupation, war, and repression.



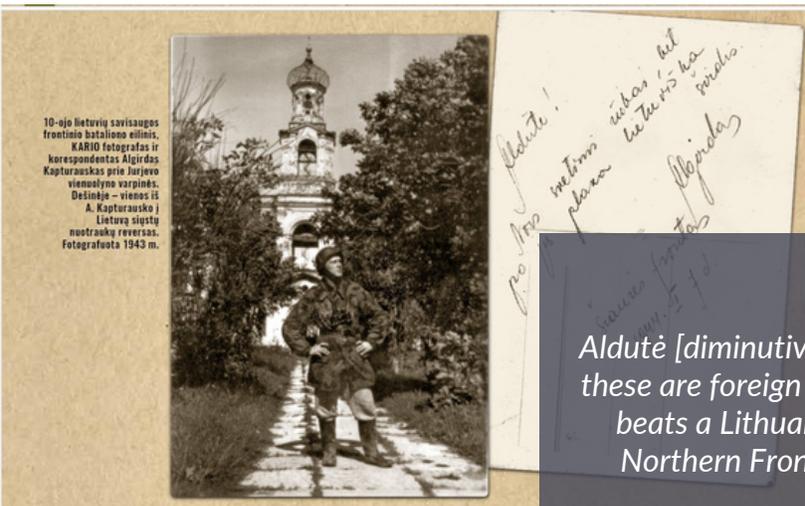
## RUNNING FROM SOVIET NKVD

Algirdas' life was shaped by a tragic twist of fate. He had a brother, Algimantas, and both brothers were known by the nickname Algis. To the Soviet NKVD and later the KGB, who hunted down partisans and anti-Soviet activists, the two young men appeared to be just one person. This confusion became deadly. When Soviet authorities came searching for Algimantas, they mistakenly arrested Algirdas instead. In 1945, at just 22–23 years old, Algirdas was arrested and deported to Komi, a harsh labor-camp region deep in northern Russia. His imprisonment there lasted nearly a decade.

He grew up during the final years of independent Lithuania and reached adulthood at the exact moment the nation was fighting for its survival. Like many young patriots of his time, Algirdas joined the resistance movement against Soviet occupation. But he was not only a partisan—he also contributed to Lithuania's intellectual and cultural struggle as a war correspondent for the newspaper *Karys*, a publication widely read by soldiers and patriots.



Algimantas and Algirdas Kapturauska.



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Aldutė [diminutive of Aldona]! Although these are foreign clothes, beneath them beats a Lithuanian heart. Algirdas. Northern Front, January 7, 1944.

## HIS TRAGIC FATE

After surviving years of Soviet captivity, Algirdas was finally released when his sentence was lifted in 1954, part of the wider political thaw following Stalin's death. He returned to Lithuania, but the scars of imprisonment—physical, emotional, and psychological—were profound. Like many who survived the gulag, Algirdas struggled with depression and the weight of all he had endured. In the end, the suffering was too much. He tragically took his own life, another young Lithuanian destroyed by the relentless machinery of occupation.



Genovaitė (Sabataitytė) ir Edmundas Jurkūnai. Algirdas Kapturauskas, who returned from exile, visiting Genute and Edmundas Jurkūnas.



Algimantas Kapturauskas with his wife Dina, brother Algirdas Kapturauskas and sister Regina Kapturauskaitė Kriukelienė.

Despite his short life, Algirdas left behind a lineage and memories that survive to this day. He had a daughter, Saulė, born in 1956, who passed away in 2014. Two of his grandchildren, Jurgis Stasiūnas and Ieva Stasiūnaitė, are still living.



From the left: Regina Kriukelienė, Kazytė, Algirdas Kapturauskas, Marija Kapturauskienė, Magdutė Kapturauskienė.

Algirdas also lives on in the memories of the older generation—members of the family who still recall the remarkable young man he was. Egle Savickaite Petreikiene's mother, Regina Elena, now 87 years old and the last living cousin of that generation, remembers Algirdas vividly.

As a child during the war, she and her sister Aldona listened to his stories when he visited their home after returning from Siberia. Aldona even corresponded with him during the war. These memories are precious now—fragments of a life cut short, and threads that connect the present with a past that is slipping out of living memory.



## FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM

The Kapturauskas family's history includes not only the tragedy of Algirdas but extraordinary acts of survival and courage. Egle also mentioned her mother's brother, Vytautas, who narrowly escaped being taken to Germany as a forced labourer. In a daring act of defiance, he leapt from a moving train and escaped—a remarkable, almost cinematic moment of bravery. His story, too, deserves remembering, as he was an unforgettable personality who embodied the resilience of that generation.



The Kapturauskas brothers, sons of Maria and Augustinas.



Algirdas's life reminds us of the incalculable cost of occupation—the stolen youth, the broken families, and the heroes whose stories were nearly lost. But through this book, and through the memories carried forward by the last living witnesses, Algirdas's name and legacy endure.