

VĚRA FERBASOVÁ, MY GREAT-GREAT-GRAND COUSIN

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On September 23, 1913, a girl was born in Sukorady u Hořic. Her name was Věra Julie Ferbasová. Her father Otakar was a teacher at high school. From the 1920s she lived with her parents in Plzeň. There she started going to grammar school, but her behaviour wasn't adequate, so she changed schools. At that time, she was also elected Miss Pilsen. After she graduated from high school she moved to Prague.

With her uncle's help she got a job as a secretary at the Vlasta Burian Theatre. This job changed her life. Thanks to Vlasta Burian she started her acting career. At first she played roles instead of sick actresses, but then some filmmakers discovered her and she had the opportunity to act in movies. The first movie she played in was „V tom domečku pod Emauzy“, although she didn't play the main role, it was a great success. After that she played supporting roles in 15 other movies and her popularity soared. In the second half of the 1930s she was one of the biggest stars of Czech film. She had the opportunity to act with famous actors and actresses such as Hugo Haas, Jiří Dohnal, Raoul Schránil, Antonín Novotný or Adina Mandlová. With her growing popularity she gained a lot of critics, but I think that's part of the job and it's completely normal.

The turning point in Věra Ferbasová's career came during the war. At that time she married the architect Josef Pálka, who advised her to break off her acting career so that she would not have to star in German films. She took her husband's name and became Věra Pálková. After the war she got some small roles.

Věra died in Prague on 4 August 1976 at the age of 63 and she is buried in Jičín. She played in more than sixty films. Some of the best known are Jáchyme, hoď ho do stroje!, Skřivánci na niti, Dařbuján a Pandrhola or Pension pro svobodné pány.

Věra Ferbasová was my great-grandma's cousin. They used to spend as much time together as they could and were good friends. Věra was very pretty. I'm really proud of her for being successful. I have such a cool ancestor.

