



Yuri Gagarin

(9 March 1934–27 March 1968)

All my life it seems to me now a perfect moment. All that lived that done before, had lived and done for this moment ... "



Yuri Gagarin was born in the village of Klushino on 9 March 1934. His parents worked on a collective farm: Alexey Ivanovich Gagarin as a carpenter and bricklayer, and Anna Timofeyevna Gagarina as a milkmaid. Yuri was the third of four children.



Yuri Gagarin was a Soviet pilot and cosmonaut. He was the first human to journey into outer space, when his «Vostok» spacecraft completed an orbit of the Earth on 12 April 1961.

Gagarin became an international celebrity, and was awarded many medals and titles, including Hero of the Soviet Union, the nation's highest honour.



