
Dr. Gintarija Samajauskaite Gudyniene

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Who? Who is Your Relative?

The relative that I'm basing my project upon is my mother, Gintarija Gudyniene. She was born on June 10, 1971. Gintarija Gudyniene was born in Kaunas, Lithuania. She attended Juozo Gruodzio muzikine School in Kaunas, Lithuania. In 1999 she earned her master's degree in international law and in fall of 2002 my mom received a PHD in Jurisprudence. That same year she married my father, Marijus Gudynas. A little bit more than a year later in January she had my sister, Marija. Two years passed and I came into this world. Even though she had two small children at home she continued working and pursuing her passion in life.



What did she do? What was her “claim to your fame?”

From a young age my mother was always a very determined woman. She always reached for “perfection”. From a very young age my mother attended two schools, a music school and a regular school. She had a huge success in school. Every day she would do her homework and afterwards would play the piano for at least 4 hours a day, sometimes even 8. All of this work paid off when she received a scholarship to Vytautas Magnus University. And after about 10 years there she received a PHD in Jurisprudence.



When? When did this individual live... what year were they most active in their career/lives?

My mother was born on June 10, 1971. She's been active her whole life. She attended two different schools from a young age, than later in life she attended Vytautas University for about 10 years. During that time she worked for a few years as a judicial extern in the Circuit Court of Cook County in Chicago, Illinois for judge Jennifer Duncan-Brice who deals with cases involving fault.



Where? Where did this individual live?

My mother, Gintarija Gudyniene was born in kaunas, Lithuania, and lived there up until the age of 28. That was also the age that she met my father, Marijus Gudynas. At that time my dad was sent to Brussels, Belgium where he worked as foreign diplomat and was negotiating for Lithuania to be a part of European Union. After 4 years Lithuania became part of the EU, and both of them returned to Lithuania. There they spent about 8 years until about 5 years ago my dad was sent to work as General Consul of Lithuania in chicago. Here we'll be staying until the end of this year.



Why? Why did they do what they did?

My mother always tried to do her work with the best of her ability. She never had this idea about limits weighing her down and actually existing in this world. Gintarija tried to improve at anything whenever she was given the chance to do so. Even when she got her master's degree and didn't necessarily need a PHD to succeed in her job, she still decided to get it. She always tried to become the best that she can be and that is the reason why i admire her very much.



How? Did their accolades occur over time, did it happen quickly? How did they leave their mark on you?

My mother's achievements took quite a lot of time to accomplish. In total it took about 30 years. It took a lot of long sleepless nights, and a lot of effort to achieve all of the diplomas as well as scholarships. She's inspired me to try to reach the impossible, to always look your weakness' and try to strengthen them. She's an amazing human being and i can only hope one day to accomplish as much as she has in her life.



Thank You!!!

