

# Kliment Voroshilov

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[Marshal HSU HSL](#)

Климент Ворошилов

Kliment Voroshilov in 1961

### [President of the Soviet Union](#)

#### In office

15 March 1953 – 7 May 1960

**Premier** [Georgy Malenkov](#)  
[Nikolai Bulganin](#)  
[Nikita Khrushchev](#)

**Preceded by** [Nikolai Shvernik](#)

**Succeeded by** [Leonid Brezhnev](#)

### [Defence Minister of the Soviet Union](#)

#### In office

31 October 1925 – 7 May 1940

**President** [Mikhail Kalinin](#)

**Premier** [Alexei Rykov](#)(until 1930)  
[Vyacheslav Molotov](#)

**Preceded by** [Mikhail Frunze](#)

**Succeeded by** [Semyon Tymoshenko](#)

### [Personal details](#)

**Born** Kliment Yefremovich Voroshilov  
4 February 1881  
[Bakhmut](#), [Russian Empire](#)

**Died** 2 December 1969 (aged 88)  
[Moscow](#), [Russian SFSR](#), [Soviet Union](#)

**Political party** [Communist Party of the Soviet Union](#)

**Spouse(s)** Ekaterina Voroshilova

**Children** Petya Voroshilov  
Timur Frunze (adopted)  
Tatyana Frunze (adopted)

### [Military service](#)

**Allegiance** [Russian SFSR](#)  
[Soviet Union](#)

**Branch/service** [Red Army](#)  
[Soviet Armed Forces](#)

**Years of service** 1917–1969

**Rank** [Marshal](#)

**Commands** [North Caucasus Military District](#)

[Moscow Military District](#)

[Leningrad Front](#)

[Russian Civil War](#)

- [Allied Invasion of Russia](#)
- [Polish–Soviet War](#)
- [Battle of Tsaritsyn](#)

## Battles/wars

[World War II](#) -

- [Winter War](#)
- [Invasion of the Baltics](#)
- [Great Patriotic War](#)
- [Axis Invasion of the Soviet Union](#)
- [Siege of Leningrad](#)

**Kliment Yefremovich Voroshilov** (Russian: Климе́нт Ефре́мович Вороши́лов) (born 4 February 1881 – died 2 December 1969), was a Soviet military officer and politician during [Joseph Stalin](#)'s era. He was one of the original five [Marshals of the Soviet Union](#). It is considered the highest military rank of the [Soviet Union](#). <sup>[1]</sup>

## Early life and career

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Voroshilov was born [Verkhnyeye](#), Bakhmut uyezd, Yekaterinoslav. The place is now part of Lysychansk in [Luhansk Oblast](#), Ukraine. He was born into a railway worker's family of Russian ethnicity. According to the Soviet Major General [Petro Grigorenko](#), Voroshilov himself alluded to the heritage of his birth-country, Ukraine, and to the previous family name of *Voroshilo*.

## Personal life

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He was married to [Ekaterina Voroshilova](#) (born Golda Gorbman). She came from a Jewish Ukrainian family from [Mardarovka](#). She changed her name when she converted to [Orthodox Christianity](#) in order to be allowed to marry Voroshilov. During Stalin's rule, the couple lived in the Kremlin at the Horse Guards.

## Death

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Voroshilov died in 1969 in Moscow and was buried in the [Kremlin Wall Necropolis](#).

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