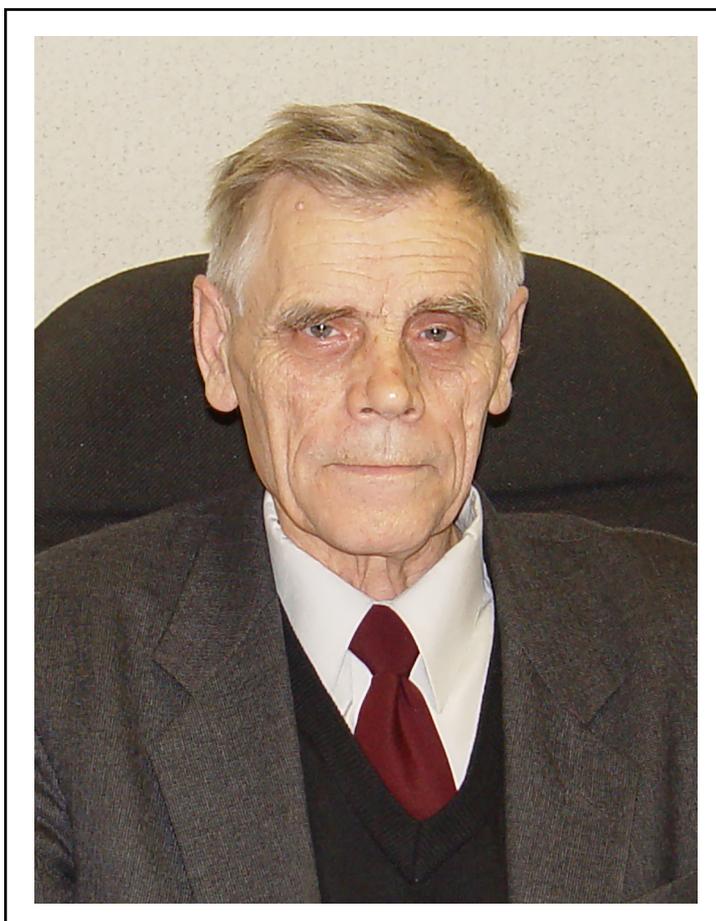


In Memory of M.F. Sychev



On June 22, 2021, Mikhail Fedorovich Sychev, a Substantial Man, a scientist and practitioner with a huge life and professional experience, who worked for the Vologda Oblast for many years, passed away at the age of 85.

Mikhail Fedorovich Sychev was a Candidate of Sciences (Economics), at one time a prominent Party Figure, Head of Agricultural Department of the Vologda Oblast Committee of the CPSU, second secretary of the Oblast Committee of the CPSU, Delegate of the 27th and 28th Party Congresses, Deputy of the Supreme Soviet of the RSFSR. In the 90s, he was one of the leaders of the process of restoring and reviving the activities of the Vologda Oblast Organization of the CPSU.

Before retiring for a well-deserved rest, he was working for 25 years at the Vologda Research Center of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

Mikhail Fedorovich was born on October 23, 1935 in the village of Turmasovo near Michurinsk.

After graduating from the Michurin Fruit-and-Vegetable Growing Institute in 1959, M.F. Sychev was sent to the Vologda Oblast, where he began working as an agriculturist of the collective farm “Druzhba”. In the autumn of 1959, he was elected as the first secretary of the Cherepovets District Committee of the All-Union Leninist Young Communist League, and a year

later he was a secretary of the Vologda Oblast Committee of Komsomol. He studied at the Higher Party School. At the Institute of Economics of the Academy of Sciences of the Soviet Union, he completed his dissertation prepared on the case study of the analysis of collective farms' activities in the Vologda Oblast, and received the degree of Candidate of Sciences (Economics).

Until 1967, Mikhail Fedorovich worked as an assistant to the first secretary of the Oblast Committee A.S. Drygin; in 1968 he was appointed as the Head of Agricultural Department of the Vologda Oblast Committee of the CPSU. In 1984, he was approved as the secretary of the Oblast Party Committee, and subsequently became the second secretary of the Oblast Committee of the CPSU.

For almost a quarter of a century, Mikhail Fedorovich was a part of a team of managers who brought the Vologda Oblast to the level of economically and socially developed regions. After the "perestroika" and the destruction of the existing management system in the country, he did not change his life and human principles and ideals, directed his knowledge, experience and energy to the reconstruction of the communist organization in the Vologda Oblast, development of academic science and scientific and methodological basis for the regional functioning in market conditions.

Mikhail Fedorovich made a great contribution to the formation and development of the Vologda Research Center of the Russian Academy of Sciences. For a long time, he worked as a Deputy Director of the organization, Head of Department, supervised the conduct of research works, development of scientific journals. M.F. Sychev sought to ensure that research was in demand in the practice of public administration, was actively engaged in organizing interaction with authorities. Under his scientific supervision, a number of PhD theses were defended, with a deep personal interest, he provided consulting and methodological assistance to young scientists.

During the years of his work, significant changes took place at the Vologda Research Center of RAS with his direct participation which contributed to the institution's reaching a new level.

For his success in the work, Mikhail Fedorovich was awarded medals and orders: in 1971 and 1973 it was the Order of "Honor Badge", in 1981 – the Order of Peoples' Friendship, honorary certificates of RAS and the Workers' Union of RAS. In 2013, as a member of the research team, M.F. Sychev was awarded the State Prize of the Vologda Oblast for Science and Technology for his research work "Trends and problems of the regional development" (in 4 volumes), and in 2015 he was awarded the badge "For Valorous Labor to the Vologda benefit".

The whole life of Mikhail Fedorovich was endless dedication to his chosen cause and service to people. He was a sensitive and sympathetic person, not indifferent to other people's problems, always extended a helping hand to those in need of him, supported not only with words, but also with deeds. Communication with M.F. Sychev helped everyone to enrich themselves with valuable experience which Mikhail Fedorovich generously shared with everyone. Thanks to his knowledge, creative thinking, ability to see the opportunities, high moral and ethical principles, he enjoyed well-deserved authority and respect among colleagues.

Mikhail Fedorovich concluded one of his last interviews with the words "Everything remains for people!" He did leave a significant mark in the Vologda Oblast history, made a great contribution to creation of modern agricultural production and development of academic science in the region. The bright memory of this talented scientist, wise and sympathetic person will forever remain in our hearts.

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