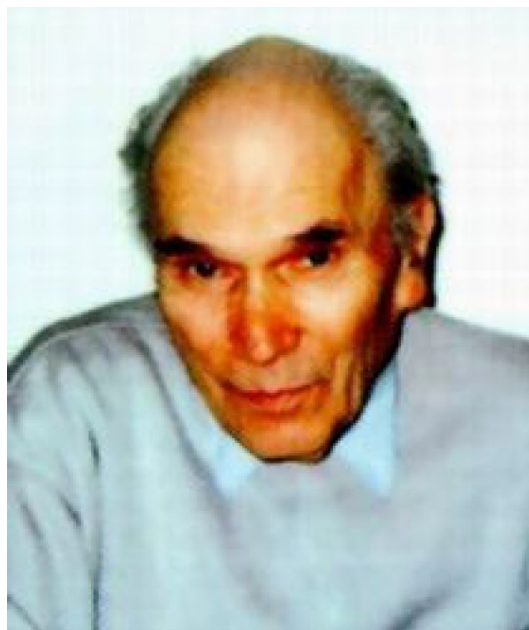


Štefan Hudák (1923 - 2005)

Štefan Hudák born in Pitvaroš, who devoted his entire life to research and writing, did not forget his native Pitvaroš even after resettlement. He published a number of articles and contributions, which were collected and provided by Pavol Hudák from Sládkovičovo. We bring some of them on our website as they were published.



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Biography of Štefan Hudák

Štefan Hudák was born on 8 February 1923 in Pitvaroš. He attended the primary school in his native village and graduated from a burgher school in Slovenský Komlôš. In both schools he studied Hungarian. He received his pedagogical education at the Teachers' Academy in Turčianske Teplice and at the Faculty of Education of Comenius University in Bratislava. He worked as a teacher in his native village, in Brezová pod Bradlom, in Myjava, in Zemianský Lieskov, in Zvolen and in Sliač. He comes from a culturally active and nationally conscious family. He and his father were arrested and imprisoned in the Nagykanizsi concentration camp. He came to Slovakia as a future teacher. He became involved in the movement led by Matica slovenská, an institution that protects the national rights, identity and development of Slovak culture and Slovak nation. He also regularly contributed to "Ľudové noviny" - a newspaper of Slovaks in Hungary. In addition to journalism, Štefan Hudák in his early years also devoted himself to literary work. At the age of 16, he published two poems. He published his collection of poems "Behind the plough" at the age of 18 at his own expense (1941).

His other works include: "Slovak language", experimental textbooks for the 6th graders (1957), "The Myjava Band", about the life and work of a folk musician Samko Dudík (1959), "Andrej Sládkovič and Sliač" (1970), "Sliač, a brief guide" (1977, 2nd edition 1982), a radio play "Each of them went aside, about the descendants of Andrej Sládkovič, presented by Czechoslovak Radio, Banská Bystrica Studio in 1989. The dominant feature of his literary work are humoristic-satirical genres. He also published a selection of his articles on the life of Slovaks in Hungary entitled "From the Hungarian notebook" (1997). He died on 16 May 2005

in Sliach. Andrej Sládkovič Elementary School in Sliach set up a hall of national history and science in honor of Štefan Hudák, its former history teacher, local historian and local patriot. The hall was established in 2005.

