



Yuri Alekseyevich Gagarin



- He was born in the village of Klushino , near Gzhatsk (renamed Gagarin in 1968 after his death), on 9 March 1934.
- His father Alexey Ivanovich Gagarin was a carpenter and bricklayer,
- His mother Anna Timofeyevna Gagarina was a milkmaid.
- Yuri was the third of four children: older brother Valentin, older sister Zoya, and younger brother Boris



- ◉ In 1946, the family moved to Gzhatsk, where Gagarin continued his secondary education.
- ◉ Yuriy graduated vocational school in 1951.
- ◉ he decided to continue education at the Saratov Industrial Technical School
- ◉ He graduated the technical school in 1955



- ◉ the Soviet Army drafted Gagarin.
- ◉ Gagarin was sent to the First Chkalov Air Force Pilot's School in Orenburg, and soloed in a MiG-15 in 1957.
- ◉ He met Valentina Ivanovna Goryacheva and married

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Man Enters Space

'So Close, Yet So Far,' Sighs Cape U.S. Had Hoped For Own Launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The Redstone rocket which the United States had hoped would boost the first man into space stands on a launching pad here. The Soviet Union beat its flying date by at least two weeks.

"So close, yet so far," commented a technician who is helping prepare the Redstone to send one of America's astronauts on a short sub-orbital flight, hopefully late this month or early in May.

"It was built last time, but it was not on the ground and today we start the process to get it ready for the next mission," he said. "They're an experienced and capable team."

Dr. Wernher von Braun, director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, said



Soviet Officer Orbits Globe In 5-Ton Ship Maximum Height Reached Reported As 188 Miles

MOSCOW (AP)—A Soviet astronaut has orbited the globe for more than an hour and returned safely to earth, the pleasure of scientists and political leaders alike. Soviet announcement of the feat brought praise from President Kennedy and U. S. space experts left behind in the contest to get the first man into successful space flight.

By the Soviet account, Maj. Yuri Alekseyevich Gagarin, gave a five-hour spacewalk over the earth in an orbit taking an hour and 48 minutes. He was in the air a total of 108 minutes and 48 seconds.

The whole sequence of events and the announcement following it raised a number of questions. The Soviet announcement said the flight took place today between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m., but some critics in Moscow's Western edition were skeptical that the first actually successful Soviet



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- Yuri Gagarin is famous for his journey into outer space. 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.

**Yuriy died on 27 March
1968 at the age of 34 in .**

