

# The Picassos

Pablo Picasso has been in the headlines recently as well as some of his family members. They have quite the extended family, so it can be difficult to keep track of who's who. Use this guide the next time you can't quite remember which ones are selling their inherited collections or who wrote which book.

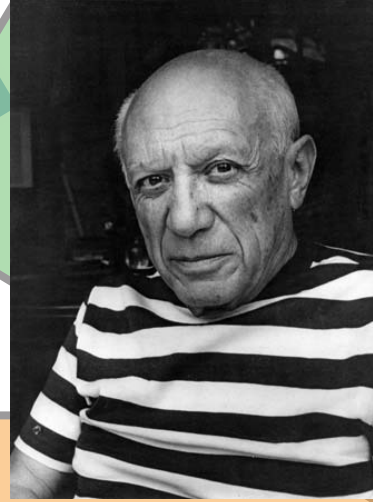


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**Pablo Picasso (1881-1973)**



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## **Olga Khokhlova, wife (1891-1955)**

Olga, Picasso's first wife, was a ballerina when she met him. They married in 1918 and had one child together. Unfortunately the marriage deteriorated and they remained separated until Olga's death.

## **Paulo (Paul) Picasso, son (1921-75)**

Paulo served as his father's chauffeur, and therefore had a much different lifestyle than his famous father. This is still a point of tension among some descendants. The debate is whether Picasso simply refused to help Paulo financially, or if he refrained since Paulo's first wife was an alcoholic and managed money unwisely.

## **Pablito Picasso, grandson (1949 - 73)**

Pablito was so distraught from his strained relationship with Picasso and Picasso's second wife that he ended his life shortly after Picasso's funeral.

## **Marina, granddaughter (b. 1950)**

Marina wrote the memoir *Picasso: My Grandfather* and has been in the news recently for selling her grandfather's villa and artworks. She has used her inheritance to establish an orphanage in Vietnam.

## **Bernard Picasso, grandson (b. 1959)**

Paulo remarried and had a second son with his wife, Christine. Christine and Bernard were both a driving force in establishing the Museo Picasso Málaga.



Courtesy of Picasso © Archives  
Maya Widmaier Picasso

## **Marie-Thérèse Walter, former partner (1909-77)**

Starting in 1927, Marie-Thérèse was his mistress for eight years before he separated from Olga. He often portrayed the blond beauty in bright, colorful portraits. The two never married, but had one daughter.

## **Maya Widmaier-Picasso, daughter (b. 1935)**

Maya is an authenticator of her father's works and manages intellectual property.

## **Oliver Widmaier-Picasso, grandson (b. 1961)**

Olivier authored the book *Picasso: The Real Family Story*.

## **Richard Widmaier-Picasso, grandson (b. 1966)**

Richard is a lawyer and also another painter in the family.

## **Diana Widmaier-Picasso, granddaughter (b. 1974)**

Diana is an art historian and has prepared the catalogue raisonné for her grandfather's sculptures.



Courtesy of Wikipedia

## **Dora Maar, former partner (1907-97)**

Dora was a Yugoslavian photographer. Picasso's portraits of her were often dark and earned the name "weeping woman" portraits. They also never married, yet she had an important role in the artist's life – she photographed "Guernica," one his most famous works, in all seven stages over three weeks.



Courtesy of The F. Gilot Archives

## **Françoise Gilot, former partner (b. 1921)**

Françoise was a painter herself before she met Picasso and still has a successful career today. She is the only woman who left Picasso as opposed to the other way around. However, her book *Life with Picasso* was the catalyst for a family feud.

## **Claude Pierre Picasso, son (b. 1947)**

Claude is the court-appointed administrator of Picasso's estate and was most recently involved with the court case against Mr. and Ms. Le Guennec, Picasso's former handyman and his wife.

## **Paloma Picasso, daughter (b. 1949)**

Paloma designs perfumes and a jewelry line for Tiffany.



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## **Jacqueline Roque, second wife (1927-86)**

Jacqueline and Pablo began a relationship in 1953, but could not marry until 1961, after Olga's death. Picasso created over 800 portraits of her. While their relationship was strong, she further added to the familial tensions by barring his children and grandchildren from the artist's funeral.