What is your name and how old are you?

*My name is Galina, 59 years old*

Describe the city where you were born, was it a city or a village?

*Village. Kyiv region, Myronivskyi district, Zelenky village, it stretches for 15 kilometers along the route itself. Great village.*

What are your earliest memories? What are they talking about?

*The earliest? Well, about childhood. I remember that I really wanted a doll. Someone bought me that doll. We mostly made dolls out of sunflowers. And I don't even remember who bought me that doll. I was invited to a relative's birthday party, I don't know how old I was, so I came and gave her that doll. Because there was nothing to give more. And when I went back I took it back too. Because it was the only one I had. How could I give it away forever? You played a little bit and that's it. I said, Tania you must give my doll back, because I have only this one. These are the memories I had. And my sister didn't have a doll, but her neighbor did. So they went to the neighbors, stole eggs, sold them and went to the store and bought a doll for my sister.*

Did you live well or not?

*We didn't live badly but we were always frugal. My father was frugal. We kept a farm, we had chickens, geese, ducks, pigs. We did not starve, but our favorite delicacy was bread soaked in water and sprinkled with sugar.*

How was your childhood?

*We didn't suffer, but we didn't buy much clothes. Our godmother sewed clothes for us. And so we did not buy too much. My father used to go with us to the market for a dress, if it wasn't there, we didn't buy anything else. Because we built one house, then started building another.*

*When I wanted something, the bottles were handed over and I bought candy. The candies are mostly caramel. Most of all I loved condensed milk. I remember it cost 55 kopeek (like cents). I don't remember what I punched, but while I was going home, I punched a jar and drank all the condensed milk. And we had a cow, there was milk and there was sugar, but something I liked was condensed milk.*

How did you spend your free time?

*There was not so much free time. There has always been work. My father always gave us tasks. I must collect the grass for pigs and ducks. Did some work in the garden. Father called us Sasha and Yurko, he really wanted sons, so he always called me and my sister :)*

What games did you play?

*At first they played the beater. The two stand, knocking out those who run in the middle with the ball. And then in adult time we played "the third extra". When we grew up we went for a walk, the boys played the accordion, and the girls sang.*

What was your favorite toy?

*I really wanted skates. But we haven't, but there were ice-holes outside the garden that froze. Then I took sunflowers, tied them to my shoes and skated. Nobody bought skates for us. I don't even know if it was then or not.*

What things did you enjoy doing the most?

*Well, I do not know. Do the work and go for a walk.*

How did you meet your husband?

*We lived with him in one of the dormitories. We worked at one factory. We met at wedding of my friend. He was invited by the groom and me by the bride. That's how we met in the village at the wedding. Then we got married and lived in the same dormitory.*

Thank you for sharing your memories.