What is your name and how old are you?

*My name is Zinaida Pavlovna, I am 69 years old*

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

*I was born in the village of Belogorodka, then in Svyatopetrovsk I remember my parents renting an apartment when I was very young. Then the father received temporary housing in the city of Vyshneve. And I lived there until I was 6 years old.*

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

*Well, the same early, they say a child under three years does not remember anything. But I remember some things before the age of three years old I told my parents, and they said what it was. I don't know how old I was, we lived in Svyatopetrovsky. My father made me a toy - a cart on wheels. And so you pull him by the handle and he rides. And I took that cart to the kindergarten and someone took it away from me and I screamed a lot. And I remember once I was accidentally forgotten. We went for a walk, and there were two bunkers from the war near Vyshneve and Svyatopetrovsky. And we went for a walk and I fell asleep there. Everyone went to kindergarten, the teacher took everyone away, and I stayed. They didn't count me. And I remember when I woke up, it was dark and no one was there. I was very scared and started screaming.*

How was your childhood? Did you live well or not?

*Well, the financial situation was not good. As soon as I finished school, it was better, and when I went to work, life improved. Let's say we lived in poverty. My childhood memories of my parents are good. In the summer I went to my grandmother and my aunt. I spent my free time there in the village. I always wanted to go to them.*

What games did you play? What was your favorite toy?

*Well toys I don't remember what I loved. I can't remember, and the games were already like we grew up, we went to school, we loved to paint "classics", to paint houses on a road. We used sticks to draw on the ground, near the yard. Then we make houses on the ground, rooms. On Saturdays we had cleaning. We had house cleaning on Saturdays. And we swept the yard on the street near our house.*

What things did you enjoy doing the most?

*Knitting. I started knitting when I was about 13 or 14 years old. Someone showed it to the girls first and I liked it and I joined in and we started knitting blouses. I loved to draw, the notebook was where I rewrote songs and I loved to paste pictures in that notebook like all girls do it. Well, that's it.*

How did you meet your husband?

*I knew him for a long time. He worked in a factory, played there in a brass band. The whole plant knew him. As soon as I went to a seamstress's course in Kyiv, everytime he got on this train with me. Maybe he guessed that we must go together. That's where it started our datings. We started to be together, then he invited me to the theater, then he invited me to the operetta. He loved the operetta. I went. He made me an offer so quickly. There were many years of us at that time. We were adults. I was over 28 years old, and he was already 35. That's we lived that.*

Thank you for sharing your memories!