

Bluma Lepiku And Her Sister Mena Shumiacher



This is my older sister Mena Shumiacher (on the left) and me. This photo was taken in Tallinn in the 1980s. In 1956 I went to work as a typist at the railroad office. I issued train and load tickets. I thought it was going to be my temporary job, but when I fully recovered, I did not feel like going back to the center. My work there involved night shifts and continuous nervous tension? So I stayed at my new job. There I met Ilmar Lepiku, my second husband. He is Estonian. He was a loader. We got married in 1962. When we got married, I quit my job and went to work as a controller at the Salva toy factory manufacturing dolls with Estonian folk costumes. The factory was located in the yard of our house, which was very convenient. Shortly before I was to retire I went to work at a toy shop. They paid a higher salary to the staff of shops, which was better from the point of view of my future pension. When my retirement time came, I was assigned the highest pension rate in the country, which was 120 rubles. My dear ones left this world early. My sister died of cancer in 1982, when she was 59. Mena was single and lived alone. My husband Ilmar died in 1992. He turned 74. 14 years ago my dearest person died. I don't know, when it is my turn?