

Yevgeniya Borisovna Barvish



In the last years of her life my mother, Yevgeniya Borisovna Barvish, nee Dynia Bera Dvorkina, liked to spend the summer at the coast of the Finnish gulf, near Leningrad. In this picture she is portrayed walking in a park of the resort town of Zelenogorsk, which is 60 kilometers from Leningrad. The picture was taken in 1967 when my mother was 88 years old. Mother and my sister Sonya stayed in besieged Leningrad until summer 1942. Later they were evacuated, barged across Ladoga Lake and put on a train to Novosibirsk. The troop train traveled across Siberia and on the way local managers chose specialists they required among the evacuated. Mother and Sonya settled in the village of Cherepanovo near Novosibirsk. Sonya was taken on as an accountant at the local kolkhoz, she was received very well. Mother also found a good job for herself. They helped her dig up a big vegetable garden and plant potatoes and millet. When the first crop was gathered, Mother started to cook pasties with potatoes and millet and sell them at the station. She was a real entrepreneur. She could make money out of nothing in order to feed the family. When I came to visit them she gave me a whole sack of millet. However, on my way back the sack was stolen in the

train, while I was asleep. Mother died in Leningrad in 1971 at the age of 92.