

Serafima Staroselskaya With Her Husband Mikhail Lokshin



My husband Mikhail Isaacovich Lokshin and me a year after marriage. Ovruch town in Zhitomir region (where my husband was on military service), 1973. I met my husband Mikhail Isaacovich in 1970, when I went with my friend to Seliger Lake for winter holidays. My husband-to-be also went to that place with his sister. We liked each other at first sight. We talked on the phone for a year and a half, then began to go out and married in 1972. Soon after that my husband was enlisted to

the army. Nelya was born in 1975. My husband's father, Isaac Markovich Lokshin, was a military man and their family had to move constantly from one place to another. Only in 1975 they 'settled' in Leningrad. That is why they were less used to Jewish life. My husband did not attend the synagogue like I did, when he was young, because he could have been fired for that. After graduating from the Aircraft Equipment Construction College he worked at a secret 'Vector' enterprise. However, my husband still speaks Yiddish. He graduated from LIAP (Leningrad Aircraft Equipment Construction Institute) by correspondence and continued to work at the same Institute. For the last 10 years, since 1994, my husband has been working in St.Petersburg Department of the 'Joint' organization. For the last three years, since 1999 and up to now, I also work as a coordinator of 'Yakhat', a program developed by 'Adain Lo' for disabled children. I like the work I am doing now, very much, because disabled children are the category of the society, which never really received proper attention in this country.