

Maria Vaiman With Her Husband Isaak



My father's sister Maria with her husband Isaac Vaiman.

Sister of my father, Maria Naumovna, was born in Samara in 1920, moved to Leningrad with her relatives, and after leaving school entered the Medical institute.

During the blockade she was a doctor in a hospital. It was a military hospital in Leningrad. Students were granted doctors' degrees ahead of time.

After the death her of father in 1942 and after the breakthrough of the blockade, she went to Kuibyshev. She graduated from the Medical Institute there.

All of us were moving between these two poles - between Samara (Kuibyshev) and Leningrad.

In Kuibyshev, having completed her medical education, Maria received her first assignment - a camp doctor for Soviet citizens subjected to repressions after the war.

There she had obtained a vast experience. She told me, how they used to wander around the camp with her friend making out from how a prisoner looked which clause of criminal code he had been convicted for and for how many years.

Then, having the right to look into personal files, they verified their guesses finding out how expert they had become in such issues.

She didn't work there for long.

She married Isaak Vaiman and went to live with her husband in Moscow. Her son was born there, and she took her mother to Moscow later.

She lived in Moscow before her son left for Israel. After the deaths of her mother and husband she left for Israel, where lives since 1979.