

TATYANA BOCHKAREVA



The great Patriotic war left a footmark on the fate of everyone. Thousands of people gave their lives to save the country. Children, old men and women had been working for the front. Everyone helped in their own way.

My family is no exception. I want to tell you about my grandmother Tatyana Bochkareva, who had been working in the rear. She was born on August 24, 1931 in the village of Bolshoe Ignatovo in the Mordovian ASSR. A large family consisted of a mother, a father and 7 children. The war started when my grandmother was 10 years old.

Women took care of children, worked in factories and fields. They worked together with the children on collective farms.

Tatyana Grigorievna has a lot of awards and commendations. She was awarded the title of mother heroine. For her accomplishments, she was awarded the title "Veteran of the Great Patriotic War". My grandmother also got the medal "For Valiant Labor in the Great Patriotic War", the medal "60 years of Victory in the Great Patriotic War" and the medal "65 years of Victory in the Great Patriotic War".

From the age of 11, my grandmother worked on a collective farm. The working day was very long and there was almost no free time. She went to bed late at night and went to work early in the morning. In summer, everyone worked in the field. They sowed, mowed, and plowed. And everyone did it manually. Little Tanya grazed cattle, carried heavy sacks, and weeded. They all ate very poorly because there was very little food. They made cakes with straw added to them. They gathered mushrooms and berries in the forest. Eggs, milk, and vegetables collected from the fields were taken to the front. They left nothing for themselves. With the end of the war, Tanya moved to Komsomolsk. A few years later, she married and gave birth for 5 children. My grandmother died on September 1, 2016. I love her very much and I am proud to be her granddaughter!

