Obituary Nina Perlina (1939-2019)

The noted Dostoevsky specialist Dr. Nina Perlina died on May 23, 2019 from complications following heart surgery. Born in the Soviet Union on May 16, 1939, she survived the Leningrad blockade as a child and went on to study and graduate from the prestigious Herzen Pedagogical Institute. She helped create the Dostoevsky Literary Memorial Museum in Leningrad, where she worked until 1974. After emigrating to the US, she earned a Ph.D. at Brown University and taught Russian literature at Macalaster College and Rutgers University before joining the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures at Indiana University in 1987. Perlina authored numerous scholarly articles and several books: *Varieties of Poetic Utterance: Quotations in “The Brothers Karamazov”* (1985), *Olga Freidenberg’s Works and Days* (2002) *Writing the Siege of Leningrad: Women’ Diaries, Memoirs and Documentary Prose* (2005, coauthor Cynthia Simmons) and *Picture-texts and Ekphrasis in Dostoevsky’s “The Idiot”* (2017, in Russian). She is survived by nephews Mikhail Gromov and Vladimir Khavkin. She is mourned by generations of students, colleagues and friends.