

Erwin Forley
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December 6, 1927 - born Erwin Feuerstein in Kosnice, Czechoslovakia

1933 - family moved to Munkacs

1942 - Jewish students restricted to Jewish gymnasium

early 1943 - family's farm and land taken away

April 1944 - ghetto formed, forced to wear stars, businesses confiscated

May 1944 - taken to brick factory

May 25, 1944 - parents, sister and he taken by train to Auschwitz

tattooed with # A 9957, father with # A 9956

He and father taken to Budy, a farm camp a few days later appels, beatings, lost 50 pounds

forced to pour water on man in winter who then froze to death

father taken to Buchenwald where he died of hunger

December 1944 - Tree branch went through Ervin's leg while he was felling trees - taken to Auschwitz infirmary for 4 weeks

January 18, 1945 - people in hospital stayed, others were evacuated

January 27, 1945 - Russian Army arrived

Went to Cracow, then to Munkacs, found mother and sister, went to Debrecen, Budapest and Prague

Studied at textile engineering school in Prague

June 1946 - came to US, attended college at night

1953 - married, drafted during Korean war

Changed name to Forley - now regrets it.