

George Pick

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Born in Budapest, Hungary on March 28, 1934 -
very large extended family

Father lost job May 1939, sent on labor brigade in September 1940 for 3 months

March 9, 1944 - German tanks through streets

March 28, 1944 - Yellow star law enforced, no more school for Jews after April, father had to leave again

May / June 1944 - Order to move to special Jewish houses, air raids

July 2, 1944 - massive bombing, stepped over dead bodies

Father's unit returns, visits family illegally, deserts to uniform factory building

November 22, 1944 - George and mother join him in hiding, more people come

Dec.2, 1944 - Factory raided, bribe given, people spared, at other locations people killed

Taken to Red Cross building, ran away - other children were killed 3 days later

December 14, 1944 - Family to ghetto, father in ghetto police, little food

Siege of Budapest - no gas, water or electricity, dead bodies in center of square

January 15, 1945 -Wallenberg threatened SS officer not to massacre Jews next day,
7000 lives were saved

Liberation - no elation, dead bodies, Buda liberated end of February

Started school, Bar Mitzvah 1947, friends left for to Israel in1948

1952-1956 University, Russians came, went to Austria, to US to uncle

University study, worked for Navy as mechanical engineer, retired 1996

Married three times, divorced twice, no children purposely

Very active at Museum - feels commitment to education and that survivors play a unique role, works with teachers, feels centrality of church anti-Semitism must be dealt with, identifies with Wallenberg portrait and photos of Hungarian children on ramp in Auschwitz