

Born January 25, 1931 in Cologne, Germany

Twin brother Norbert

Father - businessman in a metal trading firm

Applied for visa in 1938

Family spent summer of 1938 in Holland because of father's contacts.

Family returned to Germany to make final arrangements. Moved from house on
November 8, 1938

Witnessed Kristallnacht from their hotel window - first time he saw true violence

Went by train to border - Germans put them in prison. The children were frantic. Father
persuaded authorities to release them by saying he was getting
war materials for Germany

Lived in apartment in Amsterdam for one year - felt secure, went to Jewish day school

January 1940 - flew to England and then sailed to US, landing in New York
on April 1, 1940

Grandparents taken to Sobibor

Had Bar Mitzvah in 1944 in Queens, New York

Became citizen in 1945

Served in Inchon, Korea in US army

Married in 1953, had 3 children, divorced in 1988, remarried in 1991

Owns a metal trading business

"History only lives through people who survived it."