

## ROBERT FEIST

Robert Feist was born in Frankfurt in West of Germany in 1925. He grew up there in a town called Bingen, on the Rhine for the first 5 years of his life. In 1933 when Hitler came to power, his family moved to France. However, after the first year in France, his parents had to go back to Germany to earn a living. He had one brother older. He lived in a religious family, as often went to synagogue and his brother and he were Bar Mitzvahed. Bob and his brother just spoke German, unlike his parents that moreover to speak German, also spoke some French and a little English. His parents usually socialized with non-Jewish people.

When he was in France he went to school there, he lived with his aunt, father's sister that lived in France as well, in Strasbourg. He went to a boarding school not too far away from there. Then he moved to Epinal where he finished grade school and then started High School. When he was there at that time was really easy to cross the border so his parents decided to that was time to leave Germany, they did prior to the Kristallnacht. His parents moved to Strasburg. However, his brother and he, moved to Saumur, it was a very small town close to the Loire River.

At the beginning of the WWII, his father uncle and brother were interned in a French camp, that it was done by the French government. In 1940 his parents rented an apartment in Perigueux until May, 1941. Just later, in May 10, 1941 his family and he, took a ship from Marseilles to New York, because his mother had a brother there his name was Hugo Mayer. They landed in NYC in June 27, 1941. Robert married with Ruth and then moved to Miami Valley in 1954, because he business work it was there. Bob, during the rest of his live, never came back to visit his city of birth, Bingen.

Finally, they moved to Dayton, OH, and lived the rest of his there, and had two daughters Bette and Debbie. Robert K. Feist, is still alive.