

**Eddie Willner**

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Continuation of Post-Holocaust Interview

*(Arwen wrote first part of interview summary-check file)*

1951 - became US citizen while in the Army

August 21, 1958 - married German Protestant woman, Johanna, who had left East Germany and worked in the American Headquarters in Heidelberg

1968 - retired from the US Military

worked for the Bureau of the Census in the International Program Center

spoke French, German, Dutch and Spanish

1988 - retired from the government

volunteered at the Falls Church, Virginia Law Enforcement and Human Relations commission

taught foreigners to speak English

Very sensitive to seeing food wasted - sometimes made his children go to school without breakfast to know what hunger was

Still dreams, but not as frequently, of people hanging themselves

Angry about any kind of prejudice

Wife was supportive of raising their children as Jewish

Has 6 children - one for every million of Jews that were killed

oldest son is a professor at West Point, daughter was career Army, another son attended the Air Force Academy and another son worked for the Department of Defense

Anger at God has changed to thankfulness and forgiveness

Does not believe in collective guilt - some Germans gave him an extra piece of bread which kept him alive

Considers himself both German and Jewish

His motto is "Keep your fears to yourself and show courage to others."