



## Cesare Frustaci

Date of Birth:  
July 4th, 1936

Cesare was born in Napoli, Italy. His Jewish mother, Margit, was a ballerina and his Roman Catholic father, Pasquale, was a famous orchestra director and music composer. In 1938, the Italian government issued anti-Semitic laws and began expelling foreign Jews from the country. His mother was sent back to Hungary with her son. They were not allowed to return home.

Cesare and his mother were forced to live inside a Yellow Star house within a ghetto for Jews. She made the difficult decision to send him out on the street after curfew with only a piece of bread and his Catholic baptismal certificate. She knew this would increase his chance for survival. In order to stay alive, he says, "I learned to use my brain," devising clever ways to obtain food and shelter. Eventually, he was captured and sent in a boxcar to a youth detention camp. His mother was sent to a slave labor camp in Germany, where she was forced to work in a bombshell factory.

After liberation, the International Red Cross helped place Cesare in a new home. His mother spent almost two years searching for him. She walked all the way back to Hungary, searched 183 villages, and finally found him living on a pig farm with an adoptive family. Once they were reunited, she made sure to bring him back to school because education was their first priority.

They returned to Budapest and resumed their lives.

Cesare resides in Port Charlotte and regularly volunteers with the Holocaust Museum of Southwest Florida to share his story.

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