

## **Andrei Spitzer**

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**Fürstfeldbruck**

Andrei Spitzer was born in Romania, the son of Holocaust survivors. His father died when he was eleven. Eight years later, in 1964, he and his mother emigrated to Israel.

Spitzer had been an enthusiastic fencer since his early adolescence. In Israel he hitchhiked around the country to get young people interested in his discipline. In 1968, the Israeli fencing association sent him to a Dutch sports academy. There he met his future wife Ankie.

The couple's daughter was born on June 27, 1972. Two months later, Spitzer went to Munich to coach the fencers Yehuda Weinstain and Dan Alon for the Olympic Games. The two athletes escaped the terrorist attack. Andrei Spitzer was shot to death by the terrorists in Fürstfeldbruck.

**3** The wedding of Andrei and Ankie Spitzer, The Hague, Netherlands, April 17, 1971. Since her husband's murder, Ankie Spitzer has engaged in an untiring effort to ensure the dignified commemoration of the victims of the attack.

**2** Andrei Spitzer as head coach of the Biranit fencing academy, Biranit, Israel, 1972

**1** Andrei Spitzer and his daughter Anouk on the day of his departure for Munich, Ramat Gan, Israel, August 1972

**4** The Olympic mascot Waldi, purchased by Andrei Spitzer for his daughter Anouk, Munich, 1972

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