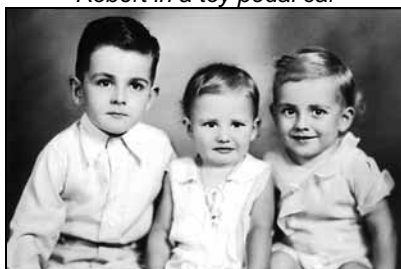


# Biography of Robert Faurisson

Robert Faurisson was born in Shepperton, England, in January 25, 1929, of a French father and a Scottish mother. The eldest of seven children, his first schooling was in Singapore and in Kobe, Japan; from the age of seven, he attended various French catholic institutions, including a Jesuit college in Marseille and, in Paris, the Collège Stanislas. He pursued his studies in classics in Paris at the Lycée Henri-IV and the Sorbonne. He holds the *agrégation des lettres* (French, Latin, Greek) and a doctorate in “*literature and the social sciences*.” He taught modern and contemporary French literature at the Sorbonne. At the Université Lumière of Lyon, he developed a structure for the teaching of “*Criticism of texts and documents (literature, history, media)*”. In the 1960s and 70s, he made a name for himself with his method of decrypting literary works with a reputation for difficulty; in that period he published *A-t-on lu Rimbaud?*, *A-t-on lu Lautréamont?* and *La Clé des “Chimères” et “Autres Chimères” de Nerval*. From the late 70s onwards, he applied the same direct and pragmatic method to the study of difficult historic or literary subjects: the problem of the Nazi gas chambers, the ‘confessions’ of the SS, the ‘Diary of Anne Frank,’



*Robert in a toy pedal car*



*Left to right: Robert, Françoise, Philippe*

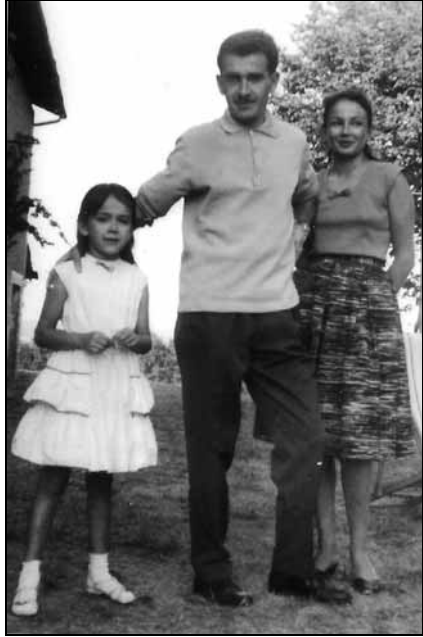


*Left to right: Françoise, Philippe, and Robert*



*August 29, 1943, Marseilles: The Faurisson siblings, left to right: Brigitte, Yvonne, Jacques, Jean, Françoise, Phillippe, Robert*

etc. In 1978-1979, he was forced to give up his teaching activities. Between 1978 and 1993, he suffered numerous physical assaults. He has been beleaguered with criminal proceedings. He has published four revisionist booklets and produced two chief revisionist works in French, one of which, the four volume *Ecrits révisionnistes (1974-1998)*, was, owing to the laws against historical revisionism, edited privately and printed at his own expense. Some of his revisionist writings were published from 1980 to 2002 in the *American Journal of Historical Review*; the first two were entitled “*The Mechanics of Gas-sings*” (Spring 1980) and “*The Gas Chambers of Auschwitz Ap-*



*Robert Faurisson with his wife and daughter*

*pear to be Physically Inconceivable*” (Winter 1981); the last was “*My Revisionist Method*” (March/April 2002). R. Faurisson has lived with his French wife in the town of Vichy since 1957. They have three children and five grand-children. He is an atheist and apolitical.