



Mr. June 2025 – Jeff Cronin

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Elvis Presley appeared on The Ed Sullivan Show in 1957 for the third and final time, only shown from the waist up! Dwight Eisenhower and Richard Nixon were inaugurated for second terms as President and Vice President of the United States. Around the World in 80 Days won Best Picture. Arkansas Governor Orville Faubus called out the National Guard to prevent the “Little Rock Nine” African American students, from enrolling in the Little Rock Central High School.

Also, on October 16th of 1957, Mr. June was born in Brookline, Massachusetts followed by a younger brother. Mr. J spent his elementary through high school days in Hingham and Norwell, MA where he graduated from Norwell High in 1975. There he played the French horn and ran track. After HS, he was off to college and attended Grinnell College in Iowa, where he majored in economics, graduating in 1980.

Following college, Mr. J moved to Beacon Hill in Boston with his partner, Ron, who he met at Grinnell, and became a stockbroker, practicing for ten years. During this time, he also attended Babson College and earned an MBA in 1984.

In the early 1990s, Mr. J changed careers because he was more interested in business research. He attended the Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science, earned an MS in Library Science, and joined the Harvard Business School as a research librarian where he served for 32 years until his retirement in 2023. Since 2007, he also served on the faculty of Cambridge College in Boston, where he taught courses on research. During his life in Boston, he attended Old South Church, a United Church of Christ congregation. Mr. J visited South Florida many times over the years, but bought a home here in 2021. He and Michael have been partners for the last nine years and were married in 2022. The “Snow Bird” couple also have homes in Cambridge, and Cape Cod, MA.

Mr. J came out while attending Grinnell College. A highlight was his marching in the first Gay Pride Parade held in Des Moines, Iowa on an early Saturday morning in June 1979 with about 20 other people. Last year, in 2024, that parade had an estimated attendance of 130,000-150,000.

