

Name

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In 1949, Harry S. Truman was POTUS, and a Boeing B-50 Superfortress completed the first non-stop circumnavigation of the world. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was established, and RCA perfected a system for broadcasting color television, while the first Volkswagen Beetle was sold. *Mule Train*, by Frankie Laine, was at the top of the charts and people ran to movie theaters to see *Twelve O'Clock High*, starring Gregory Peck.

In a small town, Oldtown, Idaho, (pop. 184) on August 21st, Mr. June was born, the third eldest son who was then followed by a younger sister. He spent his first 8 years of schooling in Oldtown and his high school years over the state line in Washington. He graduated in 1967.

A year after graduation, Mr. J enlisted in the United States Air Force for what became a 26 year-long career. Over the course of his service, he specialized in air traffic control and served as a Senior Enlisted Advisor. In 1992, he acquired his MPA degree and retired as a Chief Master Sergeant in 1994. Following his active duty career, he worked for the Air Force as a civilian for the next 20 years. He specialized in air space design and airport management and ultimately retired in 2015. During his 46 years of service to his country, Mr. J traveled the world and worked in various states in the US with postings in Vietnam, (where, during the war, was badly injured), Germany, South Korea, Great Britain, and the middle east.

During his active duty career, Mr. J got married and had two wonderful sons, one became a police officer and the other working in the construction trades. He got separated from his wife in 1999, but remains in a loving relationship with his sons, supportive of his new life.

In 2014, Mr. J purchased a home in Pompano Beach and during its construction, he stayed with his sister, a 40-year resident of Boynton Beach, FL.

While on a pleasure trip and extended stay in Southeast Asia, he met Aziel, a Philippine native. Aziel is a nursing professional who was working as a high school teacher in Bangkok, Thailand at that time. Aziel became the "love of his life" and both later moved to south Florida. They were married at the Fort Lauderdale UCC church in June, 2018. They are keen on traveling, movies and trying out new recipes in their kitchen.

Mr. J was a member of Prime Timers in Kansas and joined Prime Gentlemen when he got in Florida.

