

Stuart Geller By Ken South

Elizabeth II became the Queen of England in 1952 after the death of her father and President Harry Truman announced that he would not seek a second term. While on February 21st of that year, at the Brooklyn Jewish Hospital, Mr. April joined his older brother Richard and his parents living in the East New York neighborhood of Brooklyn in public housing.

Mr. A is very proud of his heritage as all 4 of his Ashkenazi Jewish grandparents had immigrated from Russia to the US. For his first 12 years he lived in East New York, attending grade school at PS 273, but then moved to the neighborhood of Flatbush, where he graduated from Midwood HS in 1969.

Because of scholastic achievements, Mr. A was invited into a special 7-year program that would take him on a direct path from HS to Medical School. He attended Brooklyn College, graduating in 3 years, and then to Downstate Medical School where he graduated with a MD degree in 1976. A one-year medical internship followed at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond.

A more exciting chapter for Dr. A unfolded with his specialty training in radiology at Mass General Hospital, of the Harvard Medical School in Boston. During his residency he was engaged in a new specialty branch of medicine, "Interventional Radiology". Dr. A spent the next 30 years as an academic in Radiology; teaching, publishing, treating, and researching in this new field. He was faculty at Yale University, Boston's Brigham and Women's Hospital, as well as at Mass General Hospital. Dr. A thoroughly enjoyed all the aspects of his medical career, but decided in 2007, at 55 years old, that it was time to retire.

Dr. A has, since an early age, been attracted to both older and chubby men. His past professional life was so all encompassing, that he never had much time for a gay social life. He met his first partner Donald, in 1977, who was 30 years his senior. They were together for three years in Boston. In 1988, he met Tom at a gay bar. Tom was 12 years his senior and while an active diocesan priest, he was also a gifted entrepreneur. They enjoyed their relationship for ten years until 1999.

A third partner was Patrick, hailing from Western NY and 10 years his senior. Patrick had been a retired school principal but soon moved to Boston, where he was an administrator at the local Paulist Center until the age of 65. They were together 10 years until Patrick's untimely, sudden death in 2009. They enjoyed their second homes in York, Maine and Pompano Beach and they had a "lovely life" together.

Patrick's death had a profound impact on Dr. A, sending him into a whirlwind of emotions. On July 4, 2010, Dr. A attended an Independence day picnic and met the man who would become his current partner, David!

David, originally from Maine, was a retired electrical engineer by profession, and definitely Mr. A's "type". They have enjoyed the last 14 years together.

While Dr. A describes himself as a "non-joiner" of organizations, he has been found all over this country and even abroad at events, like Girth & Mirth Conventions, and the Prime Timers National Conventions. He and David are seasonal and have numerous friends around the country as they have homes in Boston, Pompano Beach, "P" Town and Maine.

