

Rob Chambers

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1968-The Year That Shattered America. North Vietnam launched the Tet Offensive, which signified the beginning of the end of U.S. involvement in the War. Martin Luther King was assassinated in Memphis and Robert F. Kennedy was murdered at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, prohibiting discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of housing, and in March announced he would "not seek or accept the nomination" for a second full term.

At the Democratic National Convention in August, thousands of students, antiwar activists and other demonstrators were assaulted by the Chicago police.

Richard Nixon won the White House in November. And, three astronauts aboard Apollo 8—Jim Lovell, Bill Anders and Frank Borman—became the first humans to orbit the moon.

And then on February 12th of that tumultuous year, Mr. June was born into his family, the last born, with three older sisters in the small community of Marshalltown, Iowa. He attended elementary and HS there, graduating in 1986. While in HS, he became interested in woodworking and starting cabinet making. He also excelled in sports, particularly football and basketball. Following HS, he owned his own cabinet shop and remodeling business for the next 22 years.

Mr. J also had a passion for stock car racing-his parents owned a track-where even as a teen, he got involved with working on cars, and then later became a driver. He raced cars for 7 years and raced in the top division. After racing as a driver, he owned a car and coached his nephew as the driver.

For as long as Mr. J can remember, he has always been attracted to older men. His first memorable experience was when, at 15, he became "friends" with his math teacher.

In 1995 he met Delmar Freeborn, his senior by 43 years, who was a WWII submarine mariner and they cherished their 20 years together. Mr. J moved to live with Delmar at his home in Grinnell, Iowa. In 2013 they were married, and sadly on October 1st, 2015, Delmar passed away.

At 38-years-old, Mr. J sold his remodeling business, which freed up the couple to travel to many exciting places. They especially liked a small community on Cape Cod, MA, near Falmouth, where they purchased a second home.

In 2023 Mr. J vacationed in Ft. Lauderdale and attended Prime Gentlemen events and Coffee & Conversation meetings invited by new friends he met thru a regular Prime Gentlemen Zoom gathering. In June of 2023, he sold his home in Grinnell, Iowa and bought a home in West Palm Beach. So, this very friendly "snow bird" enjoys summers in Cape Cod and winters in West Palm Beach, with frequent visits to Ft. Lauderdale.

