

Everett Rosner

by Ken South

Mr. January was born in a small town in Nebraska on May 13, 1944. Little did he know that on that same day, Armistead Maupin, the gay author of "Tales of The City", would also be born in Washington, DC. Mr. J's brother, Edward, would follow him a few years later. Their childhood was spent in a loving, but strict home environment.

By 1954 the family moved to Denver, CO. where Mr. J enjoyed his involvement in Junior Achievement during high school. After high school he enrolled in an Airline Training School, planning on a career in the airline industry. In 1963 he moved to Los Angeles, CA to pursue that dream, but it did not come to be.

After graduating from a night college in Fullerton, California, Mr. J started on a long and varied career working for large as well as modest size corporations. He enjoyed his mostly sales and management positions like at General Electric, where he was the recipient of several awards. His work life also included years at Budget Car Rental, Westinghouse and GTE (General Telephone and Electronics), which became Verizon. Over the years he was pleased to accept several awards for his work. He retired from his professional career in 2009.

His varied professional responsibilities meant that he had the pleasure of living in various cities including, Los Angeles, CA, Phoenix, AZ, Little Rock, AR, and Houston and Dallas, TX.

Mr. J describes his gay life beginning in Los Angeles where he "went through the closet door like a bulldozer!" Soon after making friends at his first job, he was introduced to many of LA's celebrities --ask Mr. J to "name drop" and you will be pleasantly surprised however no lovers."

He became active in the gay community by attending the Celebration of Friends events in Fort Lauderdale. In 1992 he became a leader in the Prime Timers, Dallas chapter, where he served as event coordinator, newsletter publisher and chapter president. In this capacity, he also became the vice president for independents on the Prime Timers World Wide Board of Directors from 2009 to 2013.

Mr. J discovered Fort Lauderdale with his attendance of several Celebration of Friends events. In 2016 he decided to move to Florida where he purchased a home in Coconut Creek. He is a very gregarious type of guy and has numerous friends in the Ft. Lauderdale chapter.

