

Denis McDougal

by Doug Kent

On May 7th, 1938, the eldest of two boys born in Denver, Colorado, Mr. October began his interesting and exciting life. The early years for Mr. October were essentially without serious incident. By age eight he knew that he enjoyed the company of boys more than girls. School posed no problems for Mr. October and he excelled in all areas. He was the class valedictorian in junior high school. He was President of his Spanish Club, skied, played tennis, and otherwise had what would be considered a normal school experience, graduating from Whittier High School in Los Angeles in 1956.

His father was considered a critical employee and did not have to serve in the military, so during the war and after the war his career called for him to move his family from Denver to Salt Lake City, Kansas City, New Orleans and then finally to Los Angeles.

After high school, Mr. October enrolled at UCLA in their Business School, with a major in Finance. He lived in a fraternity house on campus. During his freshman year his father once again moved the family to Michigan, but Mr. October stayed in California and graduated from college in 1960. While in college he served as the social chair and treasurer of his fraternity, Theta Delta Chi, and was involved in intramural bowling and cross country skiing, and did a lot of skiing at various mountains.

Now free to do whatever he wanted, Uncle Sam wanted him to pay his dues, and he joined the army reserves. Mr. October worked and traveled to his active duty station at Fort Ord in northern California, and during that period of his life, he had a relationship that lasted 9 years.

After his active duty, he started to work at Standard Oil as an accounting trainee, and after a short period of time, was given the opportunity to take the computer aptitude test for the company. This opened up many doors.

In 1972 he met his partner of 22 years. Together they bought and sold real estate, entertained friends, skied, traveled to Spain, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Egypt, France and England, just to name a few spots. They shared a wonderful life together. After 32 years and numerous system installations he was able to take an early retirement.

In July of 1993, Mr. October lost his partner. Alone now, he continued to travel, and in January 1995 he met a guy from Florida. They hit it off and 6 months later they moved in together. For the next 4 years they traveled from San Francisco to Boynton Beach where they each had a home. In 1999 they decided to live in Florida where they continued world-wide travel, took many cruises, skied everywhere, and in 2002 took a motorcycle trip to the four corners of the United States covering 25,000 miles in three months. It was a life of wonder and excitement.

In 2000 Mr. October purchased his current home in Fort Lauderdale, and as fate would have it, broke up with his partner in 2008. He still enjoys traveling, walks, bowling, goes to the gym, continues to ski and enjoys Prime Timers. He and his partner Nick have been together for 3 years.

