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The world was consumed with the raging of WWII in 1944. But there were also signs of hope, like Operation Overlord: began on June 6th as the 156,000-strong. Paris was liberated from Nazi occupation on August 25th, and on November 7th Franklin D. Roosevelt became the only U.S. president to be elected to a fourth term.

And, for one family in Western New York State, in N. Tonawanda, on June 10th a little boy, our Mr. March, became the "baby of the family," preceded by two brothers and a sister.

His early years of education were provided by the RC Church including his graduation from Bishop Duffy HS in Niagara, NY in 1962. The next four years were spent at Niagara University where Mr. M majored in the social sciences and graduated in 1966. While there, he enlisted in the ROTC.

As a Second Lieutenant in the US Army, Mr. M was assigned to two years of active duty in Germany.

Returning to the states, he enrolled at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, and earned a Masters of Social Work degree, which he completed in 1972. During this period of his life, he met a young lady and they married. They were together for several years and had a lovely daughter, and Mr. M now also has two terrific grandchildren.

Mr. M's career was filled with professional responsibilities in the field of social service. He was especially proud of his efforts at establishing adult day care programs in the Baltimore area, in the infancy of that movement. He also became quite skilled at fundraising for various non-profit agencies and services. Mr. M retired in 2011.

He was living in those years in Columbia, MD, which is just about exactly half-way between Baltimore and Washington, DC. He discovered a very active gay community in both cities. In those days, DC's premier gay newspaper, The Washington Blade, used to include personal classifieds to help guys meet. Almost as a "lark" Mr. M placed a small AD in 2003 and, low and behold, Bob responded.

They met for coffee. Then had a memorable date the very next day on which they saw the gay play *Lilies*, enjoyed the experience of JR's bar

on 17th St., and walked hand-in-hand to the DC Metro. They have been together ever since!

Since Bob was living in Bethesda, MD at the time and Mr. M was still in Columbia, MD, they decided to make their home together in Silver Spring, MD. They bought their condo in Palm Aire in 2012 and retired to South Florida fulltime in 2017.

The couple has thoroughly enjoyed their life in South Florida, which has included several trips and cruises. They especially cherish all the friends they have made through joining Prime Gentlemen!

