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Mr. October was born April 4, 1973, youngest of two boys, in Eau Claire, WI. Both parents and his brother are still alive and reside in the Township of Seymour in EC WI.

He was raised on forty acres of land out in the country where he lived on a hobby farm which consisted of chickens, ducks, rabbits, collie dog, and later in life a horse.

He has a nurturing and caregiving mentality from an early age which has allowed him to carry those attributes with him in his attraction and relationships with older men today.

Today, Mr. O is currently a ground operation crewmember for the airlines and during COVID-19 in 2020 got his feet wet and enjoyed working in the home health care field after years of encouragement from others for him to get involved.

Mr. O was born with a hereditary nerve deafness which caused him to lose 47% of his hearing in one ear and 51% loss in the other. Both his father and brother have the same nerve deafness though their hearing loss is much greater than his.

Mr. O can recall the first time he heard sounds out of his new hearing aids. The sounds of birds chirping, the wind blowing, cars on the road etc., which most people with good hearing take for granted.

Mr. O was the only student in his grade school class who wore hearing aids. Students were curious about his new device and would ask "what's that"? He didn't allow his impairment to affect his day-to-day activities.

Mr. O was involved in the Seymour Hustlers 4-H club from 8th grade until his Senior year. The highlight of 4-H to him was softball and basketball as well as the Fair which was held yearly. Being on a hobby farm Mr. O took his chickens to show off and lo and behold one was Grand Champion. The chicken was judged, ribbon placed on its cage and next morning it was found dead. No autopsy was performed, just took the chickens death as natural causes.

Sports was a passion for Mr. O growing up and still is a part of his life today. He utilized sports as a learning tool about life and a way to develop friendships with others. Practice was a training tool which allowed Mr. O to work on different aspects of his game whether it was football, basketball, baseball, tennis, volleyball, softball etc.

Mr. O began his team participation at age five playing tee-ball. He played little league all the way through babe ruth. Playing on numerous All-Star teams and winning numerous awards for sportsmanship and MVP.

While playing the great game of baseball Mr. O gave back by becoming an umpire himself. He umpired from age 13 until 18 where he enjoyed seeing others succeed in the one sport he loved

When Mr. O was in the seventh grade, he wanted to join the YMCA and partake in their tackle football program. Unfortunately, due to his family's financial situation he was not able to join the YMCA. Mr. O did not let that discourage him as he used his families forty acres to create his own field of dreams. He would take his football, climb the steep hill in the backyard and run through the woods using trees, brush, and logs as defenders trying to tackle him.

From age 14-16 during the summer months Mr. October could be found on his bike around 8:00 AM till 9:30 PM riding his bike 10-20 miles visiting with family and friends. This was before cell phones so his parents had no idea where he was, though his parents would usually end up with a couple phone calls about him visiting so they had a general idea of where he had been.

At age 13 Mr. O began his working duties having two jobs during the summer: picking strawberries and weeding for one elderly neighbor as well as picking vegetables at another location for a family friend. This allowed Mr. O to have his own spending money and recoup some of the monies he had lost earlier in life due to his mischievous activities.

At age 6 going on 7 Mr. October and his cousin went to a grouchy neighbor of hers home and lit some leaves on fire under the car port. It was a windy day, so the garage caught fire. The fire department shows up along with local police department. Mr. O was caught trying to escape the scene by the police department and earned his first and only ride in the back seat of the squad car. Unfortunately, Mr. O's birthday party to be held a week later was cancelled.

At age 9, Mr. O and his cousin went to a neighbor's farm, threw all the dozens of eggs against the barn wall, opened the cans of beer in the refrigerator and gave that to the pigs & opened the pig pen door and set them free. Mr. O's four-foot-tall plastic Spiderman bank was surrendered to Ilene for the damage he had caused.

At age 10 Mr. O took a steak knife and thought it would be funny to slash the left rear tire of a family friends car visiting at his house. This act cost Mr. O \$75.00 from his savings book.

Mr. O did not make it easy on his parents growing up but that's a part of being a kid and look how he turned out today.

In 1992 Mr. O helped lead his high school football team to a 11-0 record. He was selected as an All-North-West football player. Though it wasn't at running back but defensive back.

Mr. O was recruited by Div. 3 program UW-Stout in Menomonie, WI where he graduated in 1996 with a BS degree in Hospitality and Tourism Management.

Looking back on his life Mr. O felt as though he had an attraction towards older men when he was 8 yrs. old. He recalls going to the tavern or neighborhood functions and scanning the area to see if anyone older man stood out. This seeking of attraction lead Mr. O to fantasize about that older gent. The curiosity led him to want to sneak a peek.

In 1991 Mr. O's friend stopped by the Kerm's Pick-N-Save meat department where he was working and invited him to a party at his girlfriend's apartment. This is where he would end up meeting his wife of 10 years. They dated for six years and then decided to elope to the Bahamas and get married in October 1997. From 1991 till 2008 Mr. O and his wife were together.

The last three years of his marriage Mr. O saw a big decline in his sexual drive/desires with his wife. She even suggested that he see a doctor about ED issues. Mr. O knew that wasn't necessary as he had no issue with getting it up when it came to older men. At the rightful age of 34 Mr. O signed up for some online Gay sites and that's where he connected with Richard, his first Gay encounter in Madison, WI. All his online activities were done in the basement and if his wife would come down the laptop would be shut. Ironically enough the laptop was Mr. O's savior as that's where his wife discovered his sexuality. That day was the best as it allowed the backpack of boulders to finally be lifted and Mr. O to be who he truly was, a proud Gay man.

Mr. O met with Richard on two occasions, six months apart and then decided that the four-hour mystery relationship wasn't worth the drive.

Mr. O continued searching online for someone when he discovered David who only was 20 minutes from his home. The first meeting was at the Dakota Fitness Center in Shakopee, MN. They were to meet at 9:00 AM and David did not show up until around 9:25 AM. Mr. O thought he had been stood up and was thinking of leaving but hung around a little longer. They met, took one car to the gym and the first words out of David's mouth when we were undressing were "oh my god you are beautiful." They worked out and David took Mr. O out for brunch where they talked, laughed and got acquainted. After brunch David asked for Mr. O's phone number and said he wanted to see him again. They were together for 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ years with some break up time in between.

While Mr. O was getting to know David, he was in communication with another gentleman who lived in Chicago. Jimmy and Mr. O would talk daily and formed a long distant bond. Jimmy was always asking him to visit. Because he was seeing David he kept saying "No." Finally, one August during one of the breakups with David Mr. O said "Yes" and spent four days in Chicago.

While with David Mr. O became a member of the Fathers Group which is a support group for Gay fathers or husbands in Minnesota that would meet to talk about life as a Gay man and what each of the members either went through or were currently experiencing. The group gave Mr. O a good insight into Gay life and realization that there are other men going through the same issues in this world.

In 2012 Mr. October was a member of Silver Daddies where he found a partner who resided in Dania Beach, FL. Mr. O and Kem communicated for six months before the actual face to face meeting happened. Mr. O knew that he was attracted to Kem but wasn't certain of this relationship because of the distance between each other. It took four days together for Mr. O to realize Kem was the one. They would have a long-distance relationship for three years, getting together twice a year for a couple of weeks before Mr. October made the bold move of selling his house, quitting his accounting job, giving up his beloved Pitbull Koko and move away from his family and friends in the Midwest to see where the road would lead by moving to Sunny Florida and living with Kem. Mr. O was Kem's primary caregiver until his passing in 2018. This left Mr. O single again.

In 2019 while attending a Prime Gentleman Mixer at Matty's bar Mr. O was socializing with others at the end of the bar when up walked a gentleman. The gentleman began conversing with Mr. O and the group when Ron started to talk highly about Mr. O to this gentleman. The gentleman said he was there at the bar to meet two guys from Canada and may return when he finds them. Lone behold it wasn't five minutes and the gentleman was back with his two friends from Canada. We conversed for a while and decided that after Matty's bar the four of us would go to Drynk bar and sit in their outdoor patio area for a while and socialize. Lou took down Mr. O's phone number and they have been seeing each other for the past 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ years. Though Lou has been with his partner for 41 years he and Mr. O are living in the moment and taking what life gives each of them.

