

Donn Rubin
By Ken South

In the 1956 presidential election, Dwight Eisenhower defeated Adlai Stevenson and Richard Nixon remained his Vice President. The Broadway musical *My Fair Lady* opened in New York City and videotape was first demonstrated at a convention in Chicago.

President Eisenhower authorized the phrase "under God" which was added to the Pledge of Allegiance and signed the Federal Aid Highway Act, creating the Interstate Highway System. An Alabama District Court ruled that state bus segregation laws were unconstitutional, as a result of the Montgomery bus boycott.

Elvis Presley performed "*Hound Dog*" on *The Milton Berle Show* and scandalized the audience with his suggestive hip movements, and Cecil B. DeMille's masterpiece, *The Ten Commandments*, was released.

While in Detroit, MI on February 28th, Mr. July entered this world following an older brother. He attended grade and middle schools there, graduating from the Country Day School in 1973. During high school, he enjoyed participating on the debate team. Shortly after graduation, his family moved to Fort Lauderdale.

Mr. J attended Brown University and later, graduated in 1978 with a BA and MA in psychology from the University of Miami. In 1977 he met his life mate, Steven with whom he spent the next 43 years until his passing in 2020. He worked in Steven's family textile business, traveling between NY and Florida for five years.

For twelve of their years together, the couple lived in California, where Mr. J became a mortgage broker, which he has enjoyed for over 40 years. The couple returned to Ft Lauderdale in 2005.

Through a mutual friend, Mr. J met Charlie, his current life

partner, here in 2020.

The two make their home in Palm Aire. Mr. J has continued to work in the mortgage field specializing in "HECM" or Home Equity Conversion Mortgages, known to many as Reverse Mortgages.

Over the years Mr. J has been active in the local community. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Equality Center for 9 years. And also active for many years with the Greater Fort Lauderdale GLBT Chamber of Commerce.

You can chat with Mr. J most Tuesday nights at Tropics!

