

# Narain Mukhi

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Many significant worldwide events took place in 1948. Among them were the establishment of Israel as an independent state, the birth of the World Health Organization and the adoption of The Declaration of Human Rights by The United Nations General Assembly, a life-time achievement of Eleanor Roosevelt. But an immense tragedy also took place in India, with the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi.

However, on November 2<sup>nd</sup> of that year, in Bombay, India (now known as Mumbai), our Mr. July joined his family of three sisters and three brothers, becoming "the baby" of the large family. He attended an English, Catholic primary school thru the 11<sup>th</sup> grade and then went on to Jai Hind College, spending his last year working to make expenses. He remembers his love of cricket, even becoming the best batman on his team!

His work life took him all around the world. His journey started in India working for the telegraph office, then on to Hong Kong during the Vietnam War in a tailoring business for four years. For the next two years he sailed the seven seas as a purser aboard the cruise ship Xanadu, from the far east to Los Angeles to Panama and all-round South America. The cruise company, Donald Ferguson Cruises, then invited him to work at their home offices in Coral Gables, Florida, in 1972. After his arrival in the States, he fell in love with football, he is an avid 49ers fan. He also loves professional tennis and follows the careers of Roger Federer, Rafa Nadal and Serena Williams! Next, he was back on the sea again as the casino slot machine manager on an Eastern Streamline company ship. The ship went in for dry dock repairs in Florida starting in 1977. Mr. J headed to San Francisco for a long overdue vacation, but loved the "city by the bay" so much, he stayed there for the next 14 years, finding work at H&R Block.

In 1989 Mr. J moved to West Palm Beach and there met his first partner, Harold. They lived on Singer Island, near West Palm, for the next 17 years until Harold's passing in 2006. While there, he started his own tax accounting business. He met his current husband, Angel, on-line in 2014, they married in 2015 and moved to Palm Aire, where they live today.

Mr. J retired from tax accounting in 2020 and the couple has enjoyed

numerous cruises all over the world. While still in West Palm Beach, Mr. J heard about their Prime Timers club where he and his husband made many friends, so when they moved to Ft Lauderdale, they naturally became active in Prime Gentlemen. Many weekends they made the trip from West Palm to enjoy places in Wilton Manors like the "old" Chardees and Tropics.

