

Fred Paiz

by Doug Kent

Dawson, New Mexico is not known for many things, but it is now well recognized world wide for the birth place of our Mr. May (Mr. M). Mr. M was one of ten children born into this family on December 29, 1944. They were supported by the labors of their father who worked in the mines and toiled in the farm fields, while their mother toiled at home. The family moved many times throughout Mr. M's early childhood. He started school in Tonville, Colorado in a two room school house and attended schools in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma, before graduating high school in Brighton, Colorado in 1962. He did play sports and was an average student.

Immediately after high school Mr. M joined the Air Force and did his basic training at Lackland AFB, in San Antonio, Texas. He spent 18 months in Kincheloe AFB in Sault Ste Marie, Michigan performing his duties with the security service. He was then stationed for three and a half years in Spain, spending 18 months in Madrid and 2 years in Zaragoza.

Upon his return to the States, he began what was to be a long and grueling journey to a Sociology Degree at the University of Colorado at Denver. He attended school part time on the G.I. Bill at first. It took 17 years and many part time classes, but he finally did graduate in 1984.

As he went through life Mr. M took several jobs, and moved several times to support himself while he attended his college classes. In 1978 Mr. M took a position with the Union Pacific Railroad working with computers. He was promoted in 1981 and began traveling for the Union Pacific as an implementor of various computer programs. The travel was extensive. In 1986, Mr. M underwent open heart surgery, thus ending his travel. In 1988 he was able to return to work and became a train dispatcher for the Union Pacific and moved to Sacramento California. In 1991, Union Pacific consolidated their dispatching, and Mr. M moved to Omaha, Nebraska to continue his work.

Mr. M lived a normal existence and remained single through out his adult life. At the age of 56 Mr. M decided to marry. He had several gay encounters earlier in his life and enjoyed them, but did not consider himself a gay man. In 2001 Mr. M took an early retirement from the Union Pacific, and lived with his wife in Helendale, California until she passed away in 2009. Being lonely and having time on his hands, Mr. M discovered the Caffmos Community web site for mature gay men and managed to meet several individuals. He enjoyed the encounters and in 2013 attended the Celebration of Friends in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. It was at the Celebration that he met Tony and a year later they decided to move in together. They remain together today and both enjoy sunny Florida.

Mr. M enjoys golf and bowling. He participates in Prime Timers and generally enjoys his retired life. Can you identify this Prime Timer after reading all this information about his life?

