

Richard Frazer

by Doug Kent

Born March 4th, 1941, in Belvidere, Illinois, Mr. Frazer (Mr. F), was raised by his aunt and uncle after his mother passed away just 7 days after his birth. His early childhood was otherwise normal in every respect. He attended elementary and high school in Belvidere achieving good grades. His interest in sports was short lived when the high school coach broke a broom handle over the back of a friend of his. He worked part time in high school and excelled in science, history and biology. He graduated in 1960 and continued to work at his part time job for that summer.

Mr. F's first work experience came when he secured a position as the lead person with the Lite Electrical Company, who specialized in preparing wire harnesses and telephone parts. In 1963, Mr. F met his wife at a party; they later married and in 1966 his daughter was born. For the next few years, Mr. F took several different positions, building his career with wire harnesses for various industries. His son was born in 1970. These job changes required moves for Mr. F's family. During this time Mr. F became involved with the Baptist Church and served in different positions through his early career and moves.

It was 1979; Mr. F moved back to Belvidere and purchased his second home. Things were going well, but stress in the marriage began to surface. In 1982, Mr. F's wife initiated a divorce in which she took the house, and she got custody of both children. This was a turning point in Mr. F's life. Mr. F was now free to date and he did so for the

couple of months. In 1983, however, Mr. F discovered a gay bar and met Tom. This changed Mr. F's life forever. In 1984, Mr. F flew to Fort Lauderdale, Florida and stayed at the infamous Marlin Beach Hotel. It was here that he met and fell in love with Mr. "T". They stayed together for the next four years.

In 1989, Mr. F moved back to Illinois and lived with his Aunt who raised him. He cared for her until she passed away in October of 1996. With nothing to keep him up North, Mr. F moved back to Fort Lauderdale. He worked in various gay clubs, and worked in different industries. He was the oldest worker at Club Fort Lauderdale from 1998 to his retirement in 2013.

This Prime Timer has remained active in our gay community. He managed the store in his condo, and is active in SAGE and Prime Timers. He serves on the Board of his condo, maintains an active social life and generally enjoys being with people. With all this information can you identify this always fun loving Prime Timer?

