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### **Best Gables Memory**

The first challenge is, can I remember anything from 45 years ago? Actually, I can, but singling out any one memory would do injustice to all those other great times we had together in the “age on innocence”. Well, relative innocence. I can remember those exciting football games in the Orange Bowl, signing Cavaleons during study hall, practical jokes, racing from 504 to 105 in a sea of people, Jimmy’s Hurricane, strange odors and sounds emanating from lockers, science fairs, parties, track meets, NHS, something about the parking lot?, Sputnik, our slide rules hanging from our belts, ... Good Grief!... It’s all coming back! Then there was that fateful day when 863 of us crowded on to the stage in Dade County Auditorium. The absolute best memory I have of Coral Gables High is that there was never a dull or boring day.

### **What I’m Doing Now**

I have my own sole proprietorship business, “Engineering Management Services”, currently providing contracted project management for the Archimedes Technology Group, Inc. in San Diego. EMS has also contracted with Burns & Roe Enterprises, CANATOM, and CNUS for consulting and contract management for various nuclear projects in Toronto, Canada and at the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

### **Special Events In My Life**

In early 1962 I met a cute young thing named Barbara Anne and we got married on the 29<sup>th</sup> of Dec. that same year. In '63 we welcomed daughter, Judy, in '66 daughter, Nancy, and in '71 daughter, Shari. At that point we stopped trying to have a son. We have two grandsons and a

Granddaughter, so we finally got some more boys in the family. Barbara Anne and I recently celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> with a cruise in the Caribbean. Life after Gables also included more schools. After attending UF (BS '62) and FSU (MS '64 – PhD '68) I went to work for E. I. duPont at the Savannah River Laboratory in Aiken, SC. 25 years later we moved to La Jolla, CA for a temporary 2 year assignment to the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) Project. This collaboration to develop a fusion power reactor involved the US, Russia, European Union and Japan. ITER involved a lot of international travel and Barbara Anne “volunteered” to keep me company on several trips. It must have agreed with her because we have continued to global wander with our most recent foray into Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil and Paraguay. It has been an interesting 45 years and I am looking forward to more adventures with my cute (not so young) thing. 2003

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