# Max Salminis - Northview Class of '62. History Since Graduating

## My Career:

- 1963: Drafted into the Army for nine months.
- 1964: Worked in family business for three years.
- 1967: Backpacked on my own from Israel through Europe and N. America for almost one year.
- 1967: On my return, worked for an engineering company for 3 years [where I found my niche]
- 1970: Started my own engineering company which I sold in 1976
- <u>1977:</u> With the proceeds, I purchased an electrical engineering company and in 1985 sold out to General Electric Company [GEC] [part of Barlows at the time]
- 1985: Worked for GEC for 1 year under contract & emigrated the following year to Miami USA
- 1986: Purchased an engineering company in Miami and sold it in 1994.
- <u>1995:</u> Purchased a car-rental franchise. Due to the economy I closed it in December 2011 and I am now semi-retired.

Having been in business both in South Africa and USA and working with many people, our standard of education at Northview and S. Africa as a whole has stood me in good stead.

### My Personal life

- <u>1971:</u> Married a wonderful gal Sharon Landsberger. A high school teacher at King David High School
- <u>1973:</u> She gave birth to our daughter Lara. After several attempts to have more children she suddenly & tragically passed away due to heart & pregnancy complications in 1983 at age 33. 1986: Lara [12] and I emigrated to Miami USA.
- 1990: Met Bonnie Sobelman [a young widow] at a young widow and widower support group. We were married in 1991. Bonnie has two sons Jonathan and Scott. All three of our children are married and are professionals. Jonathan and Scott are in the drug and alcohol rehabilitation field and Lara is a medical doctor. We have 6 grandchildren and more to follow we hope.

#### Who I have Contact With

Sheila Gean (Posen): Lives in Boca Raton & we see her & hubby socially.

<u>Joel Bernstein:</u> As some of you may remember we are 1<sup>st</sup> cousins. We were recently working on a family tree. We spent a day together in Sydney in January '13

# Michael & Helena Levy

<u>Daryl Cohen:</u> Although he left Northview in about Form 2, some of you may remember him. He is a psychiatrist in Brighton Beach England



←Taken in 1959/1960 at a
Sleep-over
L-R: Myself, Frank
Pemberthy, Alwyn Sherman

<u>Factoid</u>: How many of you know that the asbestos classrooms were first used by King David School before moving to Linksfield? It was then used by Waverley Girls High after they had been split off from Highlands North High while their new school was being built.