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Couples married 50 years share their advice for a successful marriage

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Welcome!

Each year, I look forward with great anticipation to celebrating those couples in the Diocese of Madison who have reached their golden wedding anniversary. Fifty years of marital love! This is a significant achievement— one worthy of a special day set aside to celebrate and thank God for the incredible graces they have received and the wonderful commitment they have shown to one another through their lifetime of love.

Each year I ask “how’d you make it for 50 years?” I am struck by the humility of couples: “by the grace of God” or “it’s all because of my wife/husband” are typical answers. Selfless love, hard work, working together to get through the difficult times, holding on to faith and being 100 percent committed to one another are common themes that couples share.

This year, we have attempted to compile a bit of the lived experience and wisdom in this our first commemorative booklet. We asked the couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2013 to complete a simple questionnaire that essentially asked how they were able to stay together for fifty years and what advice they could share with others. I’m particularly excited to share this information with the engaged couples of our diocese as they look forward to starting their lifetime of married love.

Here are some interesting facts:

♦ This year’s questionnaire drew 43 responses.
♦ The average marrying age for respondents was 21 years for women and 23 years for men.
♦ The average number of children per couple is 4.
♦ The average number of grandchildren per couple is 7.

I invite you to flip through these pages and read the insights of couples who have experienced the most incredible joys and difficult struggles and everything in between that comes with 50 years of real marital love. I hope the shared insights are a blessing and inspiration to you as they certainly continue to be to me.

A special thanks to all of you that contributed to this booklet. As Bridget and I poured through your information and handled your pictures (some of which were original wedding photos!), I realized we had been privileged to enter holy ground. We were sharing a bit of the intimacy of your lives spent together in love — though certainly only a glimmer of the full love you share with one another. Thank you for your trust and thank you for your incredible witness to us and to all those whom you share your lives with.

May God continue to bless each of the couples celebrating their golden wedding anniversary this year. I pray that these shared experiences will serve as a witness to authentic marital love and an earthly sign of the heavenly reality of God’s love that He desires to share with each one of us for all eternity.

In Christ’s Love,

Andy Galvin

Marriage & Family Coordinator
Diocese of Madison
How Did You Meet?

We met in High School
Jim & Hy Miller

Wife: His cousin introduced us. I liked that he introduced me to his parents right away.
Husband: We were high school sweethearts. We were formally introduced by my cousin at a summer festival between our freshman and sophomore years.

Larry W. & Bemice L (Harmon) Smith

We meet through mutual friends.
Edward & Linda Radl

Wife: We met at a card party at St. Raphael Cathedral Hall, playing euchre. My girlfriend and I won the card game against Tom and his buddy.
Husband: I came back to date Jeannie even if I lost the card game.

Name Withheld

Wife: Tom was in the Air Force in Roswell, NM. I was staying with my brother who was also stationed in Roswell while in the Air Force. Tom and his buddy frequented the drive-in where I worked as a car-hop and a waitress.

Thomas J. & Oleta K. Scanlon

Wife: I was going to Madison Business College and one of my roommates set us up on a blind date.
Husband: It was on a blind date
Royden & Karen Nelson

Wife: Joe ran around with my brother
Husband: I ran around with Ellen’s brother (Frank) Joseph & Ellen Milz

Wife: We met at a dance at college our freshman year. He had 2 broken arms at the time resulting from being in a car accident.
Husband: We met at college.

William & Helen Campbell

We met while students attending the University of Wisconsin
Ron and Nancy Krohn

At dances and Church
Allyn and Maxine Bauer

Wife: My parents (dad) in USA stationed at Schofield Barracks, HA. Nick stationed there also. We met at the Schofield Barracks Hawaii Swimming Pool. I graduated from high school, Leilehua High. Couldn’t go to the University of Hawaii as they were not credited yet.
Husband: Same - except I saw her walking with
her sister and said "I'm going to marry that girl someday." We went together for 2 yrs until her dad was stationed in Boston, Mass. Got married there on base with Father Michael DiPietro - Our Chaplain.

Nick & "Pepper" Maureen Hanuschewicz

Wife: My family moved to Waunakee when I was in the third grade, he was the neighbor down the street. We started dating when I was a freshman in high school.

Husband: Sharon's family moved to Waunakee from Madison when we were 9 years old and lived a block away. We became friends. When we were in high school we began dating. I was a sophomore, she was a freshman.

Michael & Sharon Simon

Wife: We met after a ladies softball game, that I was a member of, at a sponsor's location.

Husband: I was at a Night Club where my future wife's softball team was celebrating a victory.

James and Vera Atteln

Wife: At a wedding dance
Husband: At a wedding dance
Del and Judy Endres

Wife: Blind date set up by my cousin who went to school with my husband.
Husband: We went to a movie on a blind date.

Mel and Lyn Seiler

Wife: I worked in the payroll dept. of General Motors - Janesville. I was attracted to a good looking man with a smile at the cafeteria.
Husband: We both worked at General Motors and first met in the cafeteria at lunch time.

Dennis and Donna Rhode

Wife: We met at the office, I put a bug in a co-worker's ear that I'd like to go out with him and it went from there.
Husband: We worked in the same office and went on a double date with a co-worker and friend.

Ronald and Sharon Braem

Wife: Turner Hall, Dance hall.
Husband: Turner Hall Dance, a friend of mine introduced her to me.

Name Withheld

In School at a dance
Name Withheld

Wife: Where he worked, I bought a TV from him.
Husband: At a party, I saw Marian across the room and told my friend that I was going to marry her.

Gerald and Marian Newman

Student of husband when teaching previously was co-worker of wife. Student arranged the meeting at her apartment.

Don and Lynn Klink

Wife: We met at a student's home, we were introduced to one another on the second day I arrived in the USA from Germany.
Husband: I was teaching in Milton, WI

Earl and Inge Brockman
Wife: Through mutual friends - we were in the spring of our sophomore year in high school. We were 15 & 16 years old! Gary was driving around with his friend and I was walking with mine and they "picked us up" (his friend knew both of us.)

Gary and Peggy Arkin

Husband: A little more than 50 years ago a good friend (and twelve year classmate of mine) said "I know a girl you should meet; she shares an apartment with my girlfriend and two girls. You would like her, the two of you have a lot in common." The blind date was set and that became the beginning of the first fifty years of our wonderful life.

David and Mary Meinholz

Wife: At a bar/dance at Thanksgiving 1962
Husband: At a bar. She was with another guy and I smooth talked her into a date with me and we've been together ever since.

Bob and Marlyn Bauer

We met at a party organized by one of Joe's friends. We had a long conversation and could sense special value in each other.

Joseph Patrick & Mary LeFever Cassinelli

Wife: Through a girlfriend.
Husband: At High School library

Kenneth and Ann Schroeder

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David and Mary Meinholz

Wife: Classmates as children.
Husband: At High School library

Kenneth and Ann Schroeder

She attended a game I was pitching. Met after game and called her to go to a wedding with me. She did and the rest was history.

Jack & Sue Arseneau

We met at a young people's hangout which had a dance floor and bar and was in our neighborhood.

Name Withheld
Wife: I would notice him when he came to the movies. At that time another girl had her eye on him, but she didn't know I did too.

Husband: High school dance.

Jim and Retta Monohan

Wife: I first met Ron when I was 10 yrs old and he was 16. We were with our families on a summer vacation in the U.P. of Michigan. Ron didn't even notice me. We again met when I was 19 and he was 25 at a wedding reception. He knew the groom and I knew the bride.

Husband: First time was when Mary was 10. Her family and ours met at a resort. 2nd time at a wedding reception. She was 19 & lit up the room. It was love at 2nd sight. I told everyone I was going to marry her. It was the best selling job I ever did.

Ronald and Mary Knaus

We met in 7th grade at Sun Prairie Elementary School.

Name Withheld

We both were at a dance in Waunakee, WI. Both Don and I loved to dance so we danced a lot that night. Don asked if he could take me home and over time our love grew.

Donald and Dolores Marty

Wife: At a dance.; Husband: Same dance.

Name Withheld

Wife: We met each other at the ROCK County 4-H Fair on August 12, 1959. My friend Janet and I were talking to some girls from Milton when John and his friend stopped to talk to us. We then went on some of the rides together and they ended up taking us home after the fair with my dad's permission.

Husband: Rock County 4-H Fair, Janesville, Wis 1959

Name Withheld

Wife: My apartment, a friend introduced us.

Ken & Mary Statz
What Did You Love Most About Your Future Spouse?

Wife: Fun to be around.
Husband: Quiet, small town rural country girl.
         William & Helen Campbell

We enjoyed social and family activities together; card parties, picnics, walking, etc.
         Name Withheld

Wife: I was drawn to him because we had the same moral values. I loved that he held my hand and would open doors for me. I loved the way he "lit up" when he was happy and that he wanted me to be happy. I also loved his parents.
Husband: I loved her sweet Southern accent, her quiet shyness and her beautiful brown eyes.
         Larry W. & Bemice L (Harmon) Smith

Honesty/integrity of the partner.
         Edward & Linda Radl

Wife: Blue eyes, strong build, happiness, very funny, played sports, always happy and sometimes a Brat. He has always been in charge and always watches out for me. He is always a fair and honest person. Retired from Madison Police Dept. and was super and great to everyone. Even criminals have stopped by our house.
Husband: Very pretty, beautiful smile, not demanding, immature but grew together-felt more in love with her nice and attractive body, fun to be with. We had a great time. Her dad was in Army. I was an MP and saw her often-surfed and beach together, out to eat. Very fun things to do in Hawaii.
         Nick & "Pepper" Maureen Hanuschewicz

Wife: His caring and attentive actions
Husband: Down to earth kind of person, someone who was raised on a farm and had good sound values.
         James and Vera Attel

Wife: He was very thoughtful, kind and considerate. He still is today. He is a very loving person. He was very cute.
Husband: She was exceptional in every way. She was friendly, a very good student, very active in school events, wonderful personality, and very attractive.
         Michael & Sharon Simon

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         Edward & Linda Radl

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         Nick & "Pepper" Maureen Hanuschewicz

Wife: His Independence, wit, integrity, knowledge of so many different things, humor and his love of God and life
Husband: She was very good looking and was fun to be with all the time. She was very God fearing and loved life.
         Royden & Karen Nelson
Wife: I was a single parent and Tom was very good to my son. He began to take us to church or meet us there for Sunday Mass. He was someone I could count on for me and my son.

Thomas J. & Oleta K. Scanlon

He was a very understanding young man who had a great sense of humor (still does!)

Ron and Nancy Krohn

We enjoyed social and family activities together; card parties, picnics, walking, etc.

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Wife: Fun, loving, sense of humor, responsible

Husband: Didn't really think about the future - when we were young we lived for today.

Allyn and Maxine Bauer

Wife: Looks, smart!

Husband: I loved her sincerity of attitude, being able to talk straight forward and be honest about things.

Mel and Lyn Seiler

Wife: His good character, thoughtfulness and love for music

Husband: Her good character, friendly smile, brown eyes and love for dance.

Del and Judy Endres

Wife: His easy, outgoing attitude

Husband: Her smile, her laugh and she was, and still is, beautiful.

Dennis and Donna Rhode

Wife: He was cute and smart and kind.

Husband: Everything. We hit it off very well, despite our 5 year difference in age.

Ronald and Sharon Braem

Wife: His kindness, his love of children, his generosity, his love of music.

Husband: Her personality, her beauty.

Name Withheld

Deep Faith and trusting each other - Have fun together.

Name Withheld

Wife: I liked his sincerity, his intelligence, and what he stood for in life.

Husband: She was a wonderful, charming andearing individual.

Earl and Inge Brockman

Wife: He was fun to be with, honest, respected me, had similar dreams, and believed in waiting until marriage (hard for 5 years!) We had and still do have very different interests.

Gary and Peggy Arkin

Wife: He was kind and easy to talk to.

Husband: She was very kind and understanding and hard working. Very nice family.

Bob and Marlyn Bauer

I could see that Mary was a genuine person that I would like to know a lot better.

Joseph Patrick and Mary LeFever Cassinelli
Wife: I was impressed that he had five aunts (in one family) that were nuns and a cousin who was a Mary Knoll Missionary Priest.
Husband: Her Christian faith or religion (Catholic).

John J. and Antoinette Collins
Wife: His kindness and thoughtfulness for others.

Jon and Kay Fahmey

Wife: Humor.
Husband: Honestly - no false airs/pretenses.

Don and Lynn Klink

Wife: He was a very nice and respectful man. He was always a polite person and willing to help. He was Catholic and always going to church.
Husband: She was a nice girl and liked to go to church a lot. She was always talking about church praying faith. I remember my mother said "son that girl is a very nice girl, very Catholic."

Ramon and Maria Cruz

Wife: Ron was very outgoing and he was a lot of fun to be with. Ron was very courteous. He would always open the door for me. I went out with men my age and they didn't seem mature or courteous as Ron. He was also very caring.
Husband: Mary had an inner and outward beauty. She was and is a perfect loving person.

Ronald and Mary Knaus

Wife: His kind, gentle and caring ways and his persistence in pursuing a loving relationship together, always being there for me in every way.
Husband: Mary is a kind, caring, and loving person. She is one of thirteen siblings and knows what sharing means. I loved the way our lives blended. We were able to discuss everything and anything as we prepared for our marriage. This was a beautiful foundation to build our life together on.

David and Mary Meinholz

Wife: Donald did convert to Catholic without telling me. My Uncle Jack became his Sponsor. They were great friends. I cried when Don told me and showed me the Rosary Uncle Jack gave him. The same Rosary he took with him to Knights of Columbus tonight.
Husband: I admired the family-ness of the Faith and decided to be part of it.

Donald and Dolores Marty

Wife: He was Catholic, had a decent job and was fairly tall as I was 5'8".
Husband: Was Catholic, could dance, was attractive and had a steady office job.

Name Withheld

Wife: Good looking!!
Husband: Very attractive and smart.

Jim and Retta Monohan

Wife: He grew up on a farm, like myself, and he liked to dance, drank very seldom and was tall. I do not like short men.

Name Withheld

Wife: Rod and I seemed to have a lot of the same interests and friends.

Name Withheld

Wife: He was a lot of fun and very nice. He opened the car door and helped me in before going back to his side to drive. We also had some very nice conversations. We planned to do things that we both liked to do.
Husband: Pat's honesty and her friendliness

Name Withheld

Wife: I liked his gentle nature and his strong work ethic.
Husband: Her friendly smile

Kenneth and Ann Schroeder

Wife: He was fun to be with. He had so many nice friends.

Ken and Mary Statz
Wife: We had financial issues early on; not nearly enough money. We differed in some respects of child-rearing and we tended to hold on to our anger and not communicate.

Husband: Since we are both converts, we did not have the benefit of pre-marriage counseling, which could have benefited us both. We experienced the challenges of most young married couples: communication, finance/money matters, defining roles and child-rearing.

Larry W. & Bernice L. (Harmon) Smith

Wife: Raising 4 children close in age all very different from each other.

Husband: Balancing a household budget with 4 children close in age.

William & Helen Campbell

Wife: We wanted to have our own children but ended up adopting 3 children after we didn't get pregnant. We moved a few times so needed to meet new friends and new locations.

Husband: We lost our youngest son at 34 yrs old of heart problems 8 years ago.

Name Withheld

Loss of a child/ Relocations because of job promotions.

Edward & Linda Radl

Wife: I believe disciplining our children was the most challenging. Tom was too strict and I was way too lenient. Alcohol was also a problem at times. The worst was losing our middle child at age 17.

Thomas J. & Oleta K. Scanlon

Wife: No money, lots of love though. Our 4 children were born right away 1-2 years apart. I always said Nick worked 4 jobs-1 for each child (part-time). We just did not have a lot of money but still did fun things with kids. Yes, we argued and fought, but never stayed mad. I believe the wife has to give 60-40.

Husband: Making our relationship work. Lots of ups and downs as life went on. Very difficult at that time as I just got out of the military. We struggled for a few years trying to make ends meet. As time went one we were able to get more on our feet. We stayed home 90% of the time. Played cards with our friends, made pizza, brats, etc. to compensate for not much play money.

Nick & “Pepper” Maureen Hanuschewicz

Wife: The most challenges was dealing with health issues of one of our children.

Husband: Surviving a Cancer diagnosis

Ron and Nancy Krohn

Wife: My husband was a workaholic. He worked sometimes 7 days a week which was hard on the marriage. Through counseling we worked it out. Marriage was a lot better after and it is still good today.

Husband: During business career spent far too much time at work, our marriage became strained. We eventually were able to get it all worked out and our marriage has become stronger than ever in past 25 years.

Michael & Sharon Simon
Raising children - wife did not drive so doctors, after school activities complicated life. Health related problems especially in later years

Don and Lynn Klink

Wife: No major difficulties, just normal daily life happenings
Husband: When things were difficult, we managed to come to an agreement on how best to resolve the issue.

James and Vera Attemp

Wife: Son had meningitis when he was 3 months old, cancer and raising a family.
Husband: Trying to hold a family together after losing both our parents - changing shifts at work (Days to Nights) and raising our children.

Allyn and Maxine Bauer

Wife: Many problems with kids as they got in their teens.
Husband: When plans were made and something came up to interfere with your plans for the weekend.

Mel and Lyn Seiler

Wife: Normal Challenges of married life and raising two children.
Husband: Changing life styles and new responsibilities.

Dennis and Donna Rhode

Wife: When I came down with Rheomotoric Arthritis in the 1990's. Many things I could not do anymore.
Husband: When my wife came down with Rheomotoric Arthritis about 16 years ago. Her health changed for the worse. I learned to live with it. Faith in God was very important to me. I love her very much always.

Name Withheld

Wife: In 1981 our adopted daughter (almost 5 yrs. Old) was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor. She is doing well now, except she is developmentally disabled, and we are still her primary caregiver. Her brother has been very jealous of the attention she receives. Also I had breast cancer twice and pulmonary embolism twice.
Husband: Every marriage had difficulties and challenges. One of our issues was when our 4 year old daughter was diagnosed with a brain tumor. The surgery and radiation caused her to be developmentally disabled. Through God's blessing she is with us today. The doctor who preformed the surgery said she is a walking miracle!

Ronald and Sharon Braem

Wife: Homesickness, not enough family to support you when you needed it. Not a lot of money, but managed. Didn't speak English when I arrived in America. Very young faculty wife.
Husband: I suppose the main difficulty was the fact that she spoke very little English.

Earl and Inge Brockman

Wife: Gary worked extra hours to support a growing family. We were both active in the community which was good but challenging. When we merged families with my sister and brother-in-law who had CA we had many changes. We agreed to be guardians for each other's children long before their illnesses. When my sister died and he had a stroke, we combined our families in their community. We are very proud of all 17 because they overcame varied emotions and challenges and are now all successful, amazing adults.

Gary and Peggy Arkin
Wife: Being of a different faith, there were many gives and takes.

Husband: Marrying into a Lutheran family with lots of relatives all who were Lutheran, I happened to be the first Catholic to marry into the family.

Bob and Marlyn Bauer

We made several long distance moves with an increasingly large family and our financial situation was difficult in those early years. Nevertheless, the kids were great! A real source of joy and laughter.

Joseph Patrick and Mary LeFever Cassinelli

Wife: Having 9 children in 9 years was very stressful. Now that they are adults, I enjoy every minute with them.

Husband: Listen to each other.

John J. and Antoinette Collins

Wife: Financial issues while raising the children. Once we started working and making money, times got better. Thank the Lord! When the kids started growing up it was much easier.

Husband: Financial issues when I didn't have a job. But when I had a job, I thank the Lord everything was better in our marriage.

Ramon and Maria Cruz

Wife: Communication has always been a problem.

Husband: The concerns and difficulties that we experienced and that we encountered with our handicapped daughter that has cerebral palsy and required placing in the Wis Center for Developmentally Disabled.

Jon and Kay Fahrney

Wife: I've had numerous surgeries during our marriage and just recently, two with in six months. Roy was also laid off from work at different times and that was challenging with 3 children.

Husband: Taking care of three kids while you wife is in the hospital in another city - that was a big challenge.

Royden & Karen Nelson

Wife: When our first child was born he sure was a challenge. He was our first and I thought all babies can't be this much work. He looked normal walked on time but after 2 yrs we had him looked at at Northwestern University in Chicago and they said he was retarded but later we found out he had autism. I really got depressed.

Husband: The birth of our first born son. Ronald Anthony was a real handful; cried a lot, didn't want to be touched. He was normal looking & walked on time. Eventually we found out he had autism. Raising him was a challenge for both of us.

Ronald and Mary Knaus

Wife: Raising 4 children who were all pretty active was our challenge. They all turned out to be responsible adults. Another challenge was taking care of our elderly parents.

Name Withheld


Husband: As Mary mentioned, finances were the greatest concern, with four children to raise and wanting the best we could provide for them yet stressing to them the need to be personal achievers and being honest and proud citizens. We were blessed with good health during those early years. Health became an issue only during the last three years. Faith in God always brings us through.

David and Mary Meinholz

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Wife: Living too close to our in-laws. Money.

Husband: Money, work too many hours not being able to help more with children.

Jim and Retta Monohan

Wife: Health problems and living very frugal. A lot of changes in working hours. Sometimes a day shift and sometimes night shift. We just hung in there and things got better.

Name Withheld

Wife: There was a time when he started drinking and partying with some of the guys he worked with and wouldn’t get home right after work. We had some problems with that for a while. We started talking about it and we made some changes along with a lot of praying and things got a lot better.

Husband: Drinking-Parties after work. It took quite some time to get this out of my system before I grew up.

Name Withheld

Wife: His gentle nature and his strong work ethic! I wished he would be stronger at disciplining our children and I felt he worked too hard and too much! But I got used to it and grew to accept it.

Husband: Supporting our family and the busy schedule needed to keep up with farming.

Kenneth and Ann Schroeder

Wife: My husband was gone a lot-worked 6 days a week-owned his own business and also was Fire Chief.

Ken and Mary Statz

Wife: We owned a bakery for some years which meant we didn’t get to spend a lot of time together. After we no longer had the bakery, Don made a point to be home more-by then we both were working fulltime and life was great.

Husband: It was very difficult to blend the work-family and marriage but we did.

Donald and Dolores Marty

Good Communication

Jim & Hy Miller
How Did You Overcome Challenges?

Wife: Budgeting, improved communication, discussions and being clear on what is expected from each other and starting each new day with a positive attitude.

Husband: We set aside time to “air out” our differences; set up a budget, which includes allowances for each of us and separate checking accounts; as well as to continue sharing cooking and housekeeping chores and other projects around the house.

Larry W. & Bernice L. (Harmon) Smith

Through faith and sharing the burden.

Edward & Linda Radl

Wife: We both knew the death of a child could destroy our relationship and our other children’s lives. I believe this helped to bring all of us closer and realize life is too precious, too uncertain to let go of what we have and begin to build on the loss and become stronger as a family.

Thomas J. & Oleta K. Scanlon

Husband: My wife and I sat down to talk and discuss our problems and decided to get 2 part-time jobs. She stayed home with the kids—went to work for Christmas money wrapping presents at Wolff-Kubly. Had help from both our families, but mostly did it on our own.

Nick & "Pepper" Maureen Hanuschewicz

Wife: Working together, talked about what we would do—"robbed Peter to pay Paul". Stay in touch with people we owed money to. Kept our commitment—took overtime on the Police dept.

Husband: By looking at both sides on an issue—sometimes differences aren’t resolved right away—but they are left to drag on without a resolution.

James and Vera Atteln

Wife: Through counseling. Our marriage is now better than ever. We are very close and love each other a lot.

Husband: Eventually I sought guidance from a very good friend who led me to Bishop George Wirz. He was amazingly helpful to me. I continued to occasionally confide in him until his passing.

Michael & Sharon Simon

Wife: Certainly prayer has always been a part of

Our life and trusting that the Lord never gives us more than we can bear.

Ron and Nancy Krohn

Wife: Respecting each child as an individual and giving each time.

Husband: Hard work!

William & Helen Campbell

Wife: Faith—Prayers that things would turn out for the best.

Husband: Talk about it together

Allyn and Maxine Bauer

Wife: Trying to work as a team to make sure we
both did/said the same thing.

**Husband:** Being able to talk things through & establish a solution to the satisfaction of both of us.

*Mel and Lyn Seiler*

We've learned it's always best to face our challenges together. Leaning on each other for support. Always there for each other.

*Del and Judy Endres*

**Wife:** Worked through problems and came to reasonable solutions.

**Husband:** Working together.

*Dennis and Donna Rhode*

**Wife:** Through God, prayer, faith, supportive friends.

**Husband:** We stuck together and had very good communication through the years.

*Ronald and Sharon Braem*

**Wife:** We moved to an apartment in Madison that has a walk in shower, washer and dryer on the same floor to try to cut her work load.

*Name Withheld*

**Wife:** We agreed we needed to move to a new city 100 miles away with the 6 children still at home. We finally placed the decision into the hands of the Holy Spirit. Knowing that Gary & I agreed on the need to provide love & stability to both families and could count on each other for our stability made it possible.

*Gary and Peggy Arkin*

**Wife:** Working together.

**Husband:** I just stepped up to the plate and everything just fell right into place.

*Bob and Marlyn Bauer*

We did what we had to do to be there for each other.

*Don and Lynn Klink*

**Wife:** Made extra money doing hair in our home, met very nice people. I watched TV and read books to enhance my English language. Made many mistakes.

But overcame. Got a job in a salon and that helped the family.

**Husband:** As cosmetologist, she had to talk to customers. I don't think I could have taught her better than she learned it.

*Earl and Inge Brockman*

We had solid goals regarding academic degrees and had a motto “Everything to gain - nothing to lose by this pursuit.”

*Joseph Patrick and Mary LeFever Cassinelli*

**Wife:** Getting jobs and working more. Our kids started to grow up so it was much easier.

**Husband:** I prayed a lot to the Lord to help me find a good job and I sure did. Thank my Lord.

*Ramon and Maria Cruz*

**Wife:** By continually working on it.

**Husband:** By facing them and finding a solution.

*Jon and Kay Fahrney*

**Wife:** I was very depressed and here I went to
Catholic grade school and Catholic high school and I knew there was a God but where are you. God you are up there and I'm down here. It was just a couple of days later that I had a real experience with Jesus.

Husband: My schooling was also Catholic, from grade school to college. My work required traveling around the Midwest, so Mary had to deal with Ronnie. I prayed constantly for my family and tried to take a major role of Father when I was home.

Ronald and Mary Knaus

Wife: My husband worked 2 & 3 jobs so we could pay our bills. He was very loving & understanding during the loss of my parents. God was always in my heart in good times & in bad.

Husband: Our love and caring for each other enabled us to meet and master these challenges. I worked two jobs much of our married life and would take in extra repair jobs from neighbors and friends to provide extra funds to enable us to go camping as a family and also enjoy other activities as we shared that love.

David and Mary Meinholz

Wife: Once we had more time together with our family things were a lot better. We now know how much things can be better!

Husband: When you get married you are so dumb and inexperienced every day is a learning curve.

Donald and Dolores Marty

Wife: We worked together even though our ideas weren't always the same. We didn't give up on our problems.

Name Withheld

Wife: It was hard. You just learn to try and keep your mouth shut. I started to work to help out with the finances.

Husband: Understanding wife.

Jim and Retta Monohan

Wife: Patience and try to overcome things that are troublesome. Faith and prayer can make you feel better.

Name Withheld

Wife: We did a lot of talking and praying during that time. He finally came to realize that it wasn't right to be out with the guys when you had a family at home waiting for you. The girls really loved their daddy!

Husband: I quit drinking. We had three daughters and health problems.

Name Withheld

Wife: I grew up. Also my mother's advice helped-"He could be doing a lot worse thing than working hard." She loved Ken. I came to learn that for all of us our strengths can also be our weakness.

Husband: Trying to be consistent in addressing the needs of our family.

Kenneth and Ann Schroeder

Wife: I felt one has to give in more than the other. Pick your battles. Is it worth it?

Ken and Mary Statz

Wife: Our strength, love, devotion & faith helped us through our challenges. My husband is a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He helps me and take care of me when I need him.

Husband: You learn to love and trust each other that way you love each other more.

Royden & Karen Nelson

Wife: Life goes on. One day at a time!

Name Withheld
What Is Rewarding About Being Married?

Wife: Having someone to be joyful with. Sharing looks that only we understand and sharing our most intimate thoughts with one another. Being best friends and enjoying one another's company.

Husband: It is rewarding to know that you have a loving and caring partner with whom you can trust to share your innermost thoughts, hopes and dreams and that you can enjoy their company and companionship. It is also most rewarding to me to see how truly wonderful our children have turned out and to enjoy spending time with them and our grandchildren. Additionally, it is rewarding to reminisce about the last 50 years together and to look forward to new adventures and experiences as well as to just enjoy each new day together.

Larry W. & Bernice L. (Harmon) Smith

Wife: Having a partner to share your life.

Edward & Linda Radl

Wife: Having someone to share ups and downs with. Being friends!

Husband: Common interests has kept us as close friends all these years.

William & Helen Campbell

Wife: This is having children and grandchildren.

Name Withheld

Wife: I believe the most rewarding part is knowing we both must give a little more to offset the un-balances of life and we are there for each other. When I look at my husband, children, & grandchildren all I can say “God has blessed me abundantly.”

Thomas J. & Oleta K. Scanlon

Wife: Companionship, having someone to share special times. Raising a family together.

Husband: Sharing all the love of family and friends.

Allyn and Maxine Bauer

Wife: All the rewards. We worked hard and now doing things we couldn't do. Helping our children. Lots of friends. Like us-minor drinking. Bring dish to pass-have picnics. Need good friends. Don't be judgmental.

Husband: Enjoying our children together as they grow-raising our 4 children (1 now deceased). Without the help of the government. Love our children.

Nick & "Pepper" Maureen Hanuschewicz

Wife: You always have someone to share things with (good or bad). He supports me in things I want to do. It's nice to know someone loves you.

Husband: She is always there for me. My business life has been very stressful at times and she is a wonderful easy going person who can calm me and who lends much support.

Michael & Sharon Simon

Wife: We are one another's best friend. We have absolute and complete trust in one another and know that we'll always be there supporting one another.

Ron and Nancy Krohn
Wife: Sharing our life together and future together, the ups and downs. Having children and grandchildren is also a blessing.

Husband: Having the kids and grandkids and watching them grow - that helps in the ups and downs that you go through.

Royden & Karen Nelson

Having a partner to share life with.

James and Vera Ateln

Wife: Having someone I knew would always be faithful to you.

Husband: Being able to share life with each other. Good things are easy to share, but other things are easier to work with if someone is there for you. Having children and grandchildren is the most rewarding part of being married.

Mel and Lyn Seiler

Share your joys and sorrows with someone you love. Knowing someone is always there for you. Raising your children together.

Del and Judy Endres

Wife: Having someone to talk to and someone who cares about you.

Husband: Love and companionship of a special person and two beautiful children.

Dennis and Donna Rhode

Wife: Someone to share the good times and the bad.

Husband: Through 50 years we have had lots of rewards too numerous to mention, but our latest is our son's success in the business world and our wonderful 10-year old granddaughter.

Ronald & Sharon Braem

Wife: Having a family. Now that we are getting older, it is nice to see our children and grandchildren visit us.

Husband: Having children we love very much, God has blessed us with 5 health children.

Name Withheld

Trust in each other and enjoy each other, have fun together.

Name Withheld

Wife: To have a partner for life, a friend and a confidant. Someone to love and care for. Also all our children and grandchildren.

Name Withheld

Wife: The companionship we share. The sense of closeness you share with only each other.

Husband: Companionship

Kenneth and Ann Schroeder

Wife: Having your spouse as your best friend. Someone who is always there for you. Someone to talk to and laugh with.

Husband: Working together and just working as a team. We do everything together and have trust in each other.

Bob and Marlyn Bauer

Wife: First giving thanks to the Lord for having a husband! Also for my 5 children. For my daughters-in-law being here. Also for my grandchildren.

Husband: I thank the Lord for my wife and for my five kids. Having a job. A good marriage.

Ramon and Maria Cruz
Wife: Having someone to count on; companionship even though we often lead parallel lives; fulfilling sex; watching our children make their own lives.

   Gary and Peggy Arkin

Wife: I loved sharing our lives together. I absolutely loved Joe's sense of humor and his confidence that things would work out.

Husband: Having a woman I loved being willing to put up with sacrifices, and offering encouragement when difficulties arose. She did a wonderful job raising our children.

   Joseph Patrick and Mary LeFever Cassinelli

Wife: Having someone to go places with.

   John J. and Antoinette Collins

Wife: Sharing our life together.
Husband: Being together.

   Jon and Kay Fahrney

Wife: Being married to Ron (my best friend) and being able to talk to one another and pray together and have fun together. We have had our troubles but God has always been there and is still here by our sides. I love Ron and would marry him all over again.

Husband: Mary led me to acceptance in my heart to Jesus. We pray together regularly. We can talk about anything. We don't always agree, but we have never carried our anger overnight. She is my very best friend.

   Ronald and Mary Knaus

Husband: The love we had for each other, and our three children and grandchildren.

   Earl and Inge Brockman

Wife: Our complete compatibility in almost all situations, our love & caring for each other & our 4 children & the home we built together. Always keeping God in our marriage. All the happy times.

Husband: Having a wonderful partner to share the trials and tribulations of life with! We have been in love for Fifty years and, God willing, plan to be for many more years to come!

   David and Mary Meinholz

Companionship. Someone to listen and help solve situation/problem.

   Don and Lynn Klink

Wife: For me, I have learned that we need to have time with each other—even if we are just in the gardens or make special time every week for each other.

Husband: Knowing you have someone to love and be with.

   Donald and Dolores Marty

Companionship.

   Name Withheld

Wife: Always having someone there. Someone who will listen.

   Name Withheld
Wife: Having 3 daughters and 6 grandchildren. We just built a new home 3 years ago. The hard work all paid off.

Husband: Having each other & family.

Jim and Retta Monohan

Wife: Having a best friend to share things with and be able to trust forever.

Husband: Having a happy successful life, three healthy and talented children and grandchildren and a lifetime companion.

Name Withheld

Wife: Being able to carry on conversations with each other and enjoying each other’s company. We also enjoy taking trips together, going to movies, driving to see the grandchildren, playing cards and going to church together. Raising three wonderful daughters together has been great!

Husband: Being loved and loving someone else and raising three girls.

Name Withheld

Wife: Our family; children, grandchildren, friends, having someone to share all of this with.

Ken and Mary Statz
How Has Your Faith Helped Your Marriage?

A Family that prays together, stays together

Jim & Hy Miller

Wife: Having faith to ask for God’s help and to be at peace with decisions that we have made knowing we have had His guidance in making our decisions.

Husband: Faith, to me, is trusting that God is always with us and that there is always hope.

Larry W. & Bernice L. (Harmon) Smith

Wife: Faith has always been strong in both of us. Life does not always happen like you want but faith has made us strong when we are down but it will also teach you that you need the higher power to keep you going.

Tom & Oleta K. Scanlon

Our faith has a strengthening bond to meet life together.

Edward and Linda Radl

Wife: With both sharing the same beliefs it has made it easier for us.

Husband: Your faith gives us something to turn to in good & bad times. It has also been part of our social life through the years.

William & Helen Campbell

Wife: Honestly, I don’t know how people get through life without it. To know that the Lord is always there by your side helping you through life’s challenges has always been something we believe in.

Ron and Nancy Krohn
Wife: Prayer, Our Priest, friends and family-prayer helped our marriage. Many obstacles to overcome. We prayed and worked hard. The Blessed Virgin Mary has been a Big part in our marriage.

Husband: By believing a man and woman get married under God's universe till Death do us part which people now do not do. They do not know how to work through their problems. Both have to give. Share and Love.

Nick & "Pepper" Maureen Hanuschewicz

Wife: It helps a great deal. I did not turn Catholic until a few years ago. It is more rewarding now when we go to church together and pray together. It makes our marriage stronger.

Husband: Immensely. Several of our pastors have become close friends. Fr. Felix Oehrlein (now deceased), Fr. Dan Volkert, Fr. Monte Robinson (Waunakee), and mostly Aux. Bishop George Wirz were all very helpful in our difficult times. Prayer and their guidance rejuvenated our marriage.

Michael & Sharon Simon

Guiding us in our daily life and the opportunity to receive the sacraments for us and our family.

Del and Judy Endres

Wife: Our Love of God and Faith helped us all of our married life.

Husband: With God on our side we have been able to get through it all, being a fourth degree knight has also helped me with my faith.

Royden & Karen Nelson

Wife: Faith helps me to pray and ask God for blessings for my family everyday.

Husband: We seemed to draw closer each time we attended mass and got past personal problems.

Dennis and Donna Rhode

Wife: Being able to share your beliefs together.

Husband: Praying for the good of life.

Allyn and Maxine Bauer

Faith has always been very important to both of us. Our two children attended a Catholic School.

James and Vera Atteln

Wife: Something we both grew up with and could be 'on the same page' when bringing up our children.

Husband: It established a common basis for both of us. Faith helps guide you to cope with life's problems.

Mel and Lyn Seiler
Wife: I was Lutheran when we met. I converted to the Catholic Faith. I am very glad I did, as I feel I have a closer relationship with God that I would have had I remained Lutheran. And this stronger faith had gotten us through some very tough times.

Husband: With the difficulties with our daughter and raising our son through his teenage years without faith in God it would have been easy to give up. Our faith got us through the difficult times.

Ronald and Sharon Braem

Wife: I am a convert, took instruction at St. Bernard's, Middleton from Father Park, was baptized by Father Park and married by Msgr. Mack at St. Bernard's, Middleton.

Husband: Watching EWTN on TV. Also, the family that prays together, stays together. Also, I went to grade school at St. Peter's Catholic Church, and was taught by a nun who helped me tremendously at St. Peter's in Ashton.

Name Withheld

We have developed the confidence in knowing that Jesus is always with us. He has granted us the gift of hope that we can overcome tough problems by relying on Him.

Joseph Patrick and Mary LeFever Cassinelli

Wife: Our Faith and trust in each other always.
Husband: Keep your faith, keep it strong.

Name Withheld

Wife: Most definitely. Husband: Yes it has.

Jon and Kay Fahmey

Wife: It reminds you what you promised one another when we made our vows in the house of the Lord. When you pray, it brings peace in your heart.

Husband: I was raised in the Catholic Faith by parents who provided my brothers and sisters with a Catholic Education.

Earl and Inge Brockman

Wife: I know that God gives us the strength & wisdom to deal with whatever happens. This is only a journey to eternity.

Gary and Peggy Arkin

Wife: Faith is life - without it one has nothing.
Husband: I think faith is a big part of marriage and we both have it.

Bob and Marlyn Bauer

Wife: Going to daily Mass.

John J. and Antoinette Collins

Wife: My faith always helped me when times got rough. Talking things through always led to good outcomes. Getting involved with the church also led to good outcomes.

Husband: My faith helped me, doing a lot of praying. Keeping us healthy talking to each other. You have to have faith and love the Lord.

Ramon and Maria Cruz

For better or worse - anything else was not an option. Consolation of faith helped overcome shortcomings of each other.

Don and Lynn Klink

Wife: Tremendously. It was first and foremost in
our lives throughout our years together. It made our marriage very strong, like there was nothing we couldn't go through together. Msgr. Mack gave us our marriage instructions & taught us this prayer; "God bless our marriage so that we may be happy together & together we may get to heaven." We said it every night of our marriage without fail!

Husband: Both partners being of the same Religious Faith is very important in a marriage. We knew what our Faith required of us and practiced it willingly, hopefully passing it on to our children. Faith and Love are the epicenter of our relationship; it keeps us focused on why God put us on this earth.

David and Mary Meinholz

Wife: Couldn't have been as happy without faith. Always knew when I felt down God would pull me up if I reached out to Him.

Husband: Helped give me courage.

Kenneth and Ann Schroeder

Wife: Always say a prayer when you have something bothering you. We always went to church together.

Husband: Helped hold us together in happiness and sorrow.

Jim and Retta Monohan

Wife: Yes, we did a lot of praying.

Name Withheld

Wife: When things started getting a little rough-remember the ten commandments. That worked for me. Don't think you can just get a divorce. Think about all the alternatives first.

Name Withheld

Husband: Very much so - gives you strength in daily life and challenges.

Name Withheld
Wife: We've always gone to church and prayed together when the girls were home and since they've been on their own, we still continue to pray. God has been so much help in both the good times and the rough times. He was with us when my husband had open heart surgery.

Husband: Praying a lot for the good times and getting through the bad times.

Name Withheld

Wife: We went to church together and I was determined to try harder.

Ken and Mary Statz
Marriage is not 50/50. It is 100/100.

Jim & Hy Miller

Wife: Always communicate with one another and make major decisions together. After God, put spouse and family first. Don’t fear compromise. Laugh a lot. Never be afraid to laugh at yourself. Play a lot. Work hard, especially at making your marriage work.

Husband: As in life, marriage has its challenges. You must be ready to fulfill your marriage vows and be fully committed to one another for a lifetime.

Larry W. & Bernice L. (Harmon) Smith

Wife: Seek marriage counseling as a need.

Husband: Be sure that the marriage is not a 50%/50% union but a 100%/100% union of getting along and solving problems.

Edward & Linda Radl

Wife: Enjoy doing things together. Have your children spend supper time with you and all day Sunday.

Husband: Work, Pray and Eat together.

Name Withheld

Wife: Be friends, be honest and open with each other, and share the same basic beliefs.

Husband: Be open with each other, spend time with each other but at the same time allow each to do their own thing.

William & Helen Campbell

Wife: When you enter a marriage this is not a game to grow weary and look for something better. Marriage is not a 50-50 contract. There are times when each of you will have to give all to make things work.

Thomas J. & Oleta K. Scanlon

Wife: Teach your children the way you were taught. Don’t stay mad, work together, be true (always) to one another. That is your life partner—thank God for him. We always buy little gifts for each other. Talk about your concerns and problems. You never know when God calls you so be happy and cherish the time. We never go anywhere (now) without each other. I am spoiled but Nick deals with that. We (my family) had money. Nick was born when Hitler invaded Poland-3 camps—so money was hard to come by as was food—but we did it! I was so young but would not change any of my life. Count on God for help.

Husband: If you have an argument—don’t say “I want a divorce!” Pray, work, talk, love and make up. Start a new day. Nick stays mad longer and I am the peacemaker—sometimes he is a baby. But the excitement is always there.

Nick & "Pepper” Maureen Hanuschewicz

Wife: One word "Communication". Always talk things over even if you do not like the answer. Also, don’t go to bed mad. Put your husband and family first. Also, do not be afraid to go for counseling if you need it. It helps.

Husband: ALWAYS remember no matter how difficult the times, family is most important. Pressures and problems will work themselves out with the help of prayer, guidance, and TRUE LOVE.

Michael & Sharon Simon
Wife: Have Love, trust, communication and most important God in your life.

Husband: Learn to communicate to each other and learn to pray together and bring God into the family, say the rosary as often as you can.

Royden & Karen Nelson

I’d say its all about commitment ... to know that you’ll both do everything in your power to make the marriage work. From what I’ve observed, too many people give up on their marriage too soon. Also, some humor goes a long way.

Ron and Nancy Krohn

Wife: Not everything is going to be perfect. Communication with each other and listen to what the other has to say. Respect each other’s point of view.

Husband: Make a strong commitment to each other and work your problems out.

Allyn and Maxine Bauer

Wife: Don’t forget these three little words, “I am sorry” too often we only want to take an not give!

Talk things out!

Husband: I don’t like to advise. Marriage is something everybody needs to decide for themselves but marriage is a commitment that needs to be honored.

Mel and Lyn Seiler

Be sure that your really love each other and are prepared for the ups and downs of daily life.

Del and Judy Endres

Wife: Think twice, it’s a different world today than it was 50 years ago.

Husband: Be completely sure of your decisions.

Dennis and Donna Rhode

Wife: Share everything - the good and the bad, household chores, parenting. Respect each other.

Husband: Have good communication with your spouse and respect their opinions.

Ronald and Sharon Braem

Have faith and trust each other, and enjoy each day together.

Name Withheld
Wife: Trust-Communication. If you and your partner can communicate that is a huge part of 50 years of marriage. Letting the little things go – forgiveness.

Husband: Trust and work together and let the little things go.

Robert and Marlyn (Meyer) Bauer

Wife: Start each day with a prayer and always have faith in God - Also, avoid huge Credit Card debt.

Husband: Avoid Credit Card debt as much as possible. Do not live beyond your means - Also be sure to pray everyday.

Name Withheld

Wife: I always expected a lot from our marriage, I wanted always to be a loving considerate relationship. Not to stay angry for long with one another. To talk about your needs and wanted. To say what you don't like, but also what you like.

Husband: Have patience. Be able to compromise. Don't argue, no one wins.

Earl and Inge Brockman

In family life, what people longest remember is "how you made them feel." Frequent hugs of understanding are far more important that repeated words of wisdom.

Joseph Patrick and Mary LeFever Cassinelli

Wife: Be patient with each other and discuss any concerns.

John J. and Antoinette Collins

Wife: Work through your problems together. Don't give up and pray for guidance

Name Withheld

Wife: Have good communication with each other. Also, sit down together and do your finances together. Don't let one do them and the other doesn't know what is happening. It could cause some big arguments. Keep God first in your life.

Husband: I see many marriages that don't seem to work because there is no real day to day communication. Each person in a marriage must be open and communicative with one another. Stay together in spiritual matters. Attend church together and encourage your family to do so also.

Ronald and Mary Knaus
Wife: Marriage is a beautiful thing as long as you're ready to spend the rest of your life with someone and have the ability to love and respect each other until the day you die.

Husband: If you are going to get married to love each other a lot. And pray to the Lord on anything that gets in your way. Have a lot of faith and be close to the Lord.

Ramon and Maria Cruz

Wife: Don't have sexual relations before marriage, talk about all aspects of your lives, keeping no secrets from each other, always keep God in your lives & actively practice your Catholic faith. Accept all children God wants you to have. Don't use any birth control. Use NFP.

Husband: The Rhythm Method, known today as Natural Family Planning worked extremely well for us as it allowed God's wonderful gift of children to enter our life when we could give them all the love and attention possible. I strongly advise all couples to look into it-practicing it will strengthen your union and bring you intimately closer together. The greatest benefit is family planning without abortion pills.

David and Mary Meinholz

Husband: Do as many things together as possible. Try not to get involved in any more things outside the home than necessary.

Donald and Dolores Marty

Getting married is easy. Staying married is more difficult. Staying happily married for a lifetime should rank among the fine arts."

Wife: Be prepared to take on the responsibility of marriage. To work on it every day.

Husband: Be prepared for some difficult times.

Jon and Kay Fahmey

Wife: Talk out your problems. Don't ever give up. Work at it. It takes time but it is worth it. Just don't give up too easy.

Husband: Pull together, marriage is a two-way street.

Jim and Retta Monohan

Wife: There are always bumps in the road of marriage. Talk it out before those bumps get to be big hills. Remember to forgive and forget.

Name Withheld

Listen to your spouse and be open minded and share experiences.

James and Vera AtteIn
Wife: One of the most important things to do is to talk to each other. Remember that a marriage is two people loving and respecting each other. Get help right away if you need it. Do not let small problems develop into big ones. Treat your spouse like you would like to be treated. Enjoy life!

Husband: Communicate-Communicate. To be married fifty years you need total love.

Name Withheld

Wife: Commitment - It's so important to enter into marriage with a strong sense of determination to stick to our promises and commitment. A perfect marriage does not exist. We just try to make it the best we can.

Husband: Be honest with each other

Kenneth and Ann Schroeder

Wife: It's a different world now but I would say don't let things that upset you go. Let your husband know how upset you are and why.

Ken and Mary Statz
Wife: 50 years has flown by!

Husband: May 20, 1963 seems like yesterday.

William & Helen Campbell

Wife: When life hands you a bed of roses, take it but remember to use only the petals to lie on and do so with caution lest you have overlooked a tiny thorn. And pray alone and together. God is there.

Husband: I saw pictures of my mother and father when they got married. What a handsome couple they made. My dad passed away at 75, my mother at 92; she was still a beautiful mother, however beauty fades, we mature. We must not forget that unbelievable feeling we had when we first set eyes on each other (our future wife/husband). Don’t forget the words “for better or for worse” are part of the vows you make when you marry.

Thomas J. & Oleta K. Scanlon

Never leave the house angry.

Name Withheld

Wife: We like being able to say “Remember when...?” If you stay married a long time you will have those memories! What fun. Looking at old pictures-grow old together. Sometimes you have to teach each other things to make each of you happy.

Husband: Stay married if possible and work out your problems. Get help-talk to someone-ask God for help and get some good help. Take rides, BBQ. Wife and husband do everything for each other. Do things together.

Nick & “Pepper” Maureen Hanuschewicz

Wife: Our marriage is strong and loving. We support each other in many ways. We are lucky to have each other.

Husband: Our marriage is as strong as any marriage can be. Adversity taught us both how privileged we are to have each other.

Michael & Sharon Simon

We pray that all married couples have lifelong marriages strengthened by their faith in God and in one another, and that are filled with love, trust and mutual respect.

Larry W. & Bernice L. (Hamon) Smith

Wife: Love, Live and Laugh a motto good for marriage.

Husband: Don’t give up so easy because of a little fight. Learn to work at your marriage, it is not a given.

Royden & Karen Nelson

Wife: I’m praying we have another 50 years together.

Husband: My continuing prayer is for long life and good health for both of us and a strengthening of our faith. I also pray that the Holy Spirit convicts our children and their families to come to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Ronald and Mary Knaus
Wife: Life is pretty much what you make it, with God’s help you can do many things you never thought possible.

Husband: Be true and faithful to each other. Consider the feelings of your special lady or boyfriend.

Dennis and Donna Rhode

Wife: We have a good life together. We do things together.

Have a great family, go to church every Sunday & Holy Days - Can’t ask for anything better.

Name Withheld

Husband: You will have many challenges. Learn from them.

Donald and Dolores Marty

Wife: Be kind - visit the disabled when you can, visiting a nursing home means so much to those people.

Husband: Regular church attendance was very important to me.

Name Withheld

Wife: I have always felt blessed with my choice in life, for a husband, children, friends, and extended family. I always received more than I ever expected in life. So I always say God has been good to me.

Earl and Inge Brockman

Wife: We raised our children to be individuals not followers. Hence they are quite diverse in their political, social and religious beliefs. In their notes to us on our anniversary, they expressed gratitude for many varied experiences and values!

Gary and Peggy Arkin

Wife: Both need to be "bendable". Give and take. Not being selfish.

Husband: Both need to understand each other from day one and work things out together.

Robert and Marlyn (Meyer) Bauer

In the end, Jesus will judge each of us individually, not by comparing our successes and failures relative to anyone else. It is most important to realize that God loves us without limit.

Joseph Patrick and Mary LeFever Cassinelli

Wife: I got through many things by getting involved in the church. When you are close to the Lord He may always be with you. I’m positive that the Lord watches over me and when I need to call out for help in any case He’s always there. Amen!

Husband: Married is wonderful but always remember for better or for worse! And always thank the Lord. Amen!

Ramon and Maria Cruz
Wife: Always be there for your spouse, putting God first, your spouse 2nd, your children 3rd, and yourself last. Many rewards will be given you by God for this practice & faithfulness. It builds a strong faith & marriage.

Husband: When a husband and wife focus their attention entirely on each other and are always there for each other their marriage will be a wonderful success!! As a side note, both of us are choir members and lectors and Eucharistic Ministers.

David and Mary Meinholz

Husband: Each partner did their share of the work to keep things tidied up and clean.

Name Withheld

Wife: Just stick with it!!

Husband: Don't give up easy.

Jim and Retta Monohan

Wife: When raising your children, make sure you check with each other as they grow up so that they aren't asking only one for permission to do something and saying that they've already asked the other parent and it is up to you. This happened to us and we found out you have to communicate with each other all the time.

Husband: Trust is number one. Respect and love also is a good recipe for a good and rewarding marriage.

Name Withheld

Wife: Focus on and appreciate the good things about each other and leave the negatives on the side of the road.

Kenneth and Ann Schroeder
Wife: When life hands you a bed of roses, take it but remember to use only the petals to lie on and do so with caution lest you have overlooked a tiny thorn. And pray alone and together. God is there.

Husband: I saw pictures of my mother and father when they got married. What a handsome couple they made. My dad passed away at 75, my mother at 92; she was still a beautiful mother, however beauty fades, we mature. We must not forget that unbelievable feeling we had when we first set eyes on each other (our future wife/husband). Don't forget the words "for better or for worse" are part of the vows you make when you marry.

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