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# Celebrate Weddings



## Eugene and Sharon Schmidt

**Date of Marriage:**  
September 12, 1959

**Place of Marriage:**  
We were the last ones married in the old St. Louis Catholic Church in Paynesville, which is now an antique store.

**How did you meet?**  
We met at the roller skating rink that was in the basement of the bowling alley.

**How long were you engaged?**  
We dated all through high school and got engaged at graduation.

**How large was your wedding?**  
250 people.

**What food was served?**  
Old fashioned Stearns County chicken dinner.

**What was most memorable about your wedding?**

It got off to a shaky start. Eugene got to the church seven minutes before mass, and the car stopped on the way to the reception and we had to wait for someone to come back for us. After all that, it turned out to be a great day, and we still laugh about it.

**What wedding gift do you use the most today?**

After 50 years, there is still a casserole dish that is still with us.

**Who caught the bouquet and did they have to shove to get it?**

I didn't throw the bouquet. I wanted to keep it and also saved our cake top and had it on our first anniversary...it was awful.

**Whose relatives (friends) had the most fun at the wedding?**

Aunts and uncles on both sides! We didn't know old people could dance and laugh so much. We thought they were old!



Submitted photo

### Sharon and Eugene Schmidt in September 1959

**How do you keep romance alive in your marriage?**

Our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren remind us how very lucky we are. Just being thankful everyday.

**If you could travel back in time to your wedding day, what advice for maintaining a happy marriage would you give yourselves?**

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