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Harry & Winifred Schuelke June 7, 1951



Harry & Winifred Schuelke on June 7, 1951.....and today.

How did you meet?

Harry signed a contract with Paynesville School District in April, 1948 to teach commercial typing, shorthand, and bookkeeping. Winnie was the superintendent's secretary.

Who proposed?

Winnie says Harry proposed; Harry says Winnie. We can't remember what was agreed on.

When was the wedding?

June 7, 1951

Where was the wedding?

St. Louis Catholic Church, Paynesville. It was a mixed marriage with Father Joseph Varley officiating.

What food was served?

The wedding cake, naturally, with whatever the ladies aid came up with. We really can't remember.

What were some memorable moments?

Culminating nearly three years of dating into saying "I do's."

What was the most memorable gift you got?

After being married 60 years, 7 months and 12 days, we can't remember a specific gift being memorable. Some were in cash as we were in the process of building a home- same one we are living in now (with six building additions).

Where did you honeymoon?

For our honeymoon we drove to the North Shore and on into Canada in a new 1951 Chevy 2-door hardtop and were back in a week to continue work on the house.

How do you keep the romance alive?

We have taken extended trips every summer to where Winnie's sister and her Air Force husband were stationed and to many points beyond, mostly California. For our 25th anniversary our daughter and her husband gave us tickets to Hawaii, and for our 40th anniversary an open house at Bernie's Barn Supper Club. We both retired in 1983 and took winter vacations at Arizona, Florida and South Padre besides 8 trips to Branson, 6 to Red Indian Lodge in Canada, a NASCAR race, Niagara Falls and shorter jaunts.

What advice would you give yourself if you could go back in time?

Togetherness! Do things together whether it is travelling, card playing, fishing or snowmobiling. There were sad times with friends and relatives passing away and especially with our daughter dying at age 46, we try to remember that the happiest people don't HAVE the best of everything—they just MAKE the best of everything.

Wedding Tip - Budget Breakdown #1

Reception - 50%, Attire - 10%, Flowers 10%, Music - 10%, Photography/Video - 10%, Stationary and additional expenses (Rings, gifts, fees, transportation etc...) 10%.

Use the breakdown above to see how much of your total budget to devote to each of these areas. This will give you a rough idea of how much to spend and allows you to be more confident in your search for items and services for your special day!

Wedding Tip - Engagement Photo Tips #2

Make sure to capture your most precious memories from start to finish. Some photographers offer engagement photos as part of a wedding photo package. Also keep the following in mind when choosing a photographer and setting up your photos.

- Location: Make sure it suites you or has a personal connection.
- Clothing: Choose clothing that suite both of you and conveys the mood you want.
- Posed engagement photos are not necessary. Go with what works best for you, the couple. Above all the photos should fit your personalities, that will make them special.