

Celebrate Weddings



Margaret and Marvin Niedan

Date of Marriage:
July 3, 1968

Place of Marriage:
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Iroquis, S.D.

How did you meet?
Margaret had transferred from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, and I was starting my second year at Northern State College in Aberdeen. I stopped over at the girls' dorm to pick up a high school classmate and give her a ride to Gamma Delta, a college church group. She asked if it was okay for another student to ride along. Yes, that was Margaret.

How long were you engaged?
A few days short of 10 months.

How large was your wedding?
Including the parents, wedding party, and the minister, about 110.

What food was served?
Cake and sandwiches.

What was most memorable about your wedding?

Nothing during the wedding ceremony. The wedding ceremony started at 8 p.m. and between 6 and 7 p.m. there was a strong thunderstorm with the temperature only dropping to the mid 80s. With 80-degree temps, 99-percent humidity, no air conditioning nor fans, it was not the most pleasant conditions.

What was your most memorable wedding gift?

Well, we received three electric knives. A Sears sewing machine from Marv's parents undoubtedly got the most use.

What wedding gift do you use the most today?

We still use the Better Homes and Garden cookbook.

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

Probably Margaret's family. Our wedding date was common to Margaret's parents and her brothers. That date was her parent's 40th wedding anniversary.

Where did you go for your honeymoon?

Minneapolis, Duluth, and Winnipeg.

How do you keep romance alive in your marriage?

We try to maintain "at home" time together. When the girls were real young, we tried to get out at least one evening a week to bowl together, followed by dancing. Later on, we took ballroom dancing lessons and then square dancing, which we still do. We like to keep trying and doing new things - cruises, etc. We try not to dwell on how old we have become. More on how well we have aged and what we still enjoy.



Submitted photo

Margaret and Marvin Niedan in July 1968

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

Learn to negotiate issues and compromise early on. Build and maintain activities and common interests.

Respect and support spouse's interests that are probably not "your thing."



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