

Sherry and Mike Eveslage

Date of Marriage: Sept. 11, 2004

Place of Marriage: Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Freeport

How did you meet? When we were in the third grade, we had a foot race. Who actually won is still disputed.

Who proposed and how? Mike proposed three days after moving into our house in Paynesville.

How long were you engaged? 13 months.

How large was your wedding? 500 people.

What food was served? Chicken, ham, dressing – the traditional Stearns County wedding feast.

What was your most memorable wedding gift? Mike got a Dremel and a wheelbarrow. Everything else was Sherry's.

What was most memorable about your wedding? The weather was great that day: 70 degrees, warm sunshine, light wind. What was most enjoyable was seeing all our family and friends gathered around outside talking and laughing after the ceremony. That, and the wedding party ride to the reception on a decorated, flatbed semitruck was pretty fun too.

What wedding gift do you use the most today? The Coleman grill/cooler combo. Comes in handy on many fastpitch softball and camping weekends.

Who caught the bouquet and did they have to shove to get it? Sherry's younger cousin. Not that we can remember.

Whose relatives (friends) had the most fun at the wedding? Everybody had fun! More specifically, those who had the most fun were our core group of friends, the (retired) fire crew, and an 88-year-old wife of one of Mike's deer hunting friends.

Where did you go for a honeymoon? We spent an extended weekend at the Apostle Islands, north of Bayfield, Wis.

How do you keep romance alive in your marriage? By taking the time to enjoy each other's hobbies and by spending as much time together as we can.

If you could travel back in time to your wedding day, what advice for maintaining a happy marriage would you give yourselves? Be humble and gracious for what you have. There are a lot of things you can worry about in your life but don't sweat the small stuff...those things will work themselves out.



Sherry and Mike Eveslage in September 2004.

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Diane and Harvey Rothstein

Date of Marriage: October 4, 1975

Place of Marriage: St. Martin Catholic Church

How did you meet? We met at the Lake Henry Legion at their bowery dance on July 14, 1974. Harvey claims he picked me as his sweetheart when he voted for me as queen at the Valentine's Day carnival in elementary school when I was crowned queen in second grade. I have to believe him because Harvey doesn't forget anything.

Who proposed and how? We had talked about marriage and had picked our rings out together, but I wasn't sure when I was actually receiving my engagement ring. Harvey proposed to me when he brought me home after a night out on March 29, 1975, in his car. Even though I knew we would be getting married, the reality of the commitment was shocking to me at the age of 18. Obviously, I made the right choice at a young age; we celebrated our 33rd anniversary last October.

How long were you engaged? Our engagement was six months long. That time frame was not unusual in those days. I had two friends in high school who also got married that year. Without planning this, we were all married within three weeks of each other. We had to be back from our honeymoons for each other's weddings. And all three couples are still together.

How large was your wedding? 275 people.

What food was served? We had the traditional meal of chicken, ham, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, and coleslaw at Jerry's Supper Club in Richmond. We paid \$2 per plate and \$2.25 per plate for the bride's table. We served 273 people.

What was most memorable about your wedding? Diane's uncle played the concertina for an extra half hour after the reception ended so we could have a sing-along for tradition's sake. My family sings songs when we have family gatherings with the aunts and uncles.

The song, Schnitzelbank, is always sung in German. We also both remember our car not starting when we were ready to leave on our honeymoon because somebody had tampered with it.

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Diane and Harvey Rothstein in October 1975.

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