

Connie & Dan Haag September 21, 1974



Mr. & Mrs. Haag on September 21, 1974

How did you meet?

We were high school sweethearts. We started dating in 1969. Our first official date was Homecoming 1969.

Who proposed and how?

As Valentine's Day approached in 1974, Connie hinted at Dan it was time for a ring to appear so Dan had one with roses in hand on Valentine's Day! He follows hints well!

How long were you engaged?

We were married on September 21st, 1974 so about 7 months, which seemed about right back then.

Date of marriage

September 21, 1974.

Place of marriage

St. Anthony's Church in Watkins.

How large was the wedding?

350 people- which seemed big back then. 7 bridesmaids and groomsmen and flower girl/ boy.

What food was served?

The traditional chicken dinner with all the trimmings! Our wedding Mass was at 10:00 a.m. With a dinner served about 1 p.m.. Reception all afternoon- a evening meal at my mom's for wedding party and then on to Kimball Ballroom- Dance lasted till 1 a.m.! Long day!

What was the most memorable moment at your wedding?

Connie wore her mom's wedding dress and when her dad saw her for the first time he said she was "almost" as beautiful as her mother was the day of their wedding!

What was your most memorable wedding gift?

A rocking chair from Connie's mom and dad, to "Rock" the babies!

What wedding gift do you use the most today?

The rocking chair is still there, it "Rocked" thru 3 babies and now one grandson!

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

I remember lots of craziness but truly can't remember who caught it!

Whose relatives, or friends, had the most fun at the reception?

Oh, I'm sure it was our friends! Smoking cigars and dancing the night away.

Where did you go for a honeymoon?

Up north to beautiful Hackensack! Dan's uncle Tony owned a resort up there where we spent a week. We returned and Connie went back to work and Dan took another week off for duck hunting.

What do you do to keep romance alive in your marriage?

Romance seems to be defined differently as the years go on, yet it seems to be able to stay intuned as to what your partner needs at the time. We have enjoyed lots of travel time together and with our children, we work together everyday for the past 24 years so see plenty of each other. Enjoy the moment whether you are watching a sunset together, planting a garden or changing a baby's diaper. If you're together it's romantic!

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

At my 10 year class reunion - our first born, Tiffani, was 2 weeks old- one of my classmates had become a child psychologist and I was talking to him about how to successfully raise children and he looked at me and said "Easy"- Love Dan as much as you can! So I guess that's always the answer- Love endures and conquers all, we have raised 3 beautiful children, made it thru sickness and health, realize the joy of a grandson, and in September 2014 hope to celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary somewhere tropical.



Dan & Connie Haag Today!



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