

# Janet & Larry Fleck

December 28, 1962



Janet & Larry Fleck on December 28, 1962 ..... and today!

## HOW DID YOU MEET?

Larry: I lived in Sioux City, Iowa. I had just graduated from high school and was working as a chef in a supper club in North Sioux City, Neb. One of my bosses was from Willmar and knew a man that wanted a younger person to cook at his supper club, Ed & Vi's Supper Club, Spicer. My boss knew I wanted to get closer to the Twins and Vikings, so he had me drive up for an interview. I was offered the job and in March 1962 I moved to Spicer. I then learned my boss had a daughter that was a senior in high school. We became friends and started to date.

## WHO PROPOSED AND HOW?

In July 1962, Janet and I went to the cities with her parents shopping. They decided to have dinner at Murray's. It was 3:30 in the afternoon and the dining room did not open until 4 p.m., so they went to the bar. Not being 21, Janet and I were not allowed in the bar! So we walked around the block. A jewelry store was having a sidewalk sale, so we picked out an engagement ring. She offered to pay for it, but being young and dumb! I put it on payments. Later, when we went to the State Fair, I picked it up! We have only missed two State Fairs since that year!

## HOW LONG WERE YOU ENGAGED?

Five months. We got engaged in July and got married in December 1962.

## DATE & PLACE OF MARRIAGE:

Married at Our Lady of Lakes Church, Spicer, on Dec. 28, 1962. Larry was 19, Janet 18.

## HOW LARGE WAS YOUR WEDDING?

Because Janet's parents owned a bar/restaurant, we did not want to give up a Saturday, or any thing close to New Year's, so we were married on a Friday. Due to the Minnesota winter, many of the relatives and friends from Iowa did not come. We had about 100 people attend.

## WHAT FOOD WAS SERVED?

Being Catholic and the no-meat-on-Friday rule, we all ate TUNA SALAD! We tried to get the bishop to dispense the rule, but he would not do it!

## WHAT WAS THE MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT YOUR WEDDING?

Janet dancing with her dad.

## WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE WEDDING GIFT?

Sterling silver candle holders.

## WHAT WEDDING GIFT DO YOU USE THE MOST TODAY?

The mirror that was a gift from Larry's parents. It still hangs in our living room.

## WHO CAUGHT THE BOUQUET AND DID THEY HAVE TO SHOVE TO GET IT?

Susan (Vege Dahl) Swenson. No, she did not have to shove for it.

## WHOSE RELATIVES, OR FRIENDS, HAD THE MOST FUN AT THE RECEPTION?

(TO PROTECT THE GUILTY, NO NAMES, PLEASE.)

It was a pretty low-key reception, but both families had a good time!

## WHERE DID YOU GO FOR A HONEYMOON?

Janet's uncle gave us a gift certificate to the Holiday Motel, at Highways 100 and 55 in Minneapolis for two nights. Our big excitement was going shopping downtown and to a movie, "Barabas," which had just come out!

## WHAT DO YOU DO TO KEEP ROMANCE ALIVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE?

We spend a lot of time together. We do nice dinners, plays, and movies. Try to take a vacation together every year!

## IF YOU COULD TRAVEL BACK IN TIME TO YOUR WEDDING DAY, WHAT ADVICE FOR MAINTAINING A HAPPY MARRIAGE WOULD YOU GIVE YOURSELVES?

Be patient, things do not always go your way, and admit that some people may have better ideas and judgments than you do!



## WEDDING TIPS

Many brides-to-be look forward to the day when they visit a bridal salon and are able to try on gowns for the first time. There are certain tips that can make the day go much more smoothly and potentially reduce the amount of time it may take to find the perfect gown.

- Wear a supportive, well constructed strapless bra or corset in your correct size. If you will be wearing a petticoat, also have the right size available.
- Go without face makeup when trying on gowns so they remain clean.
- Try to wear your hair similar to the style you have in mind for your wedding.
- Note that the size of the wedding gown you will wear is typically one to two sizes larger than your day-to-day clothes. Proper measurements can be matched to designers' size charts.
- It's best to limit the number of people with whom you shop to 1 or 2 trusted friends or family members. An entourage can be confusing.
- It's always better to order a slightly larger gown and leave room for alterations if you are between sizes.

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