

# Geri & Mike Jacobson

October 28, 2011



Geri & Mike Jacobson on October 28, 2011..... and today!



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## WEDDING TIPS

There is no such thing as a perfect marriage. Accept the fact that there will be issues to work through. Make sure to be open and honest with your partner. Share your frustrations and anxieties with each other. Doing so, shows trust and respect, and allows you to work together to resolve those issues. Understanding each other's feelings will help keep the 'we' in your marriage allowing you as a couple to continue to feel as one.

### HOW DID YOU MEET?

We attended Augsburg College together in the late 1980s and early 1990s. Mike tried to impress Geri with his trivial knowledge when they competed on the same College Bowl team, "the varsity sport of the mind," but that only reinforced Geri's view of him as "nerdy." Our respective roommates, Heather and Jason, the other two members of our College Bowl team, started to date and got married after college. We were reacquainted, 18 years later, at Heather's 40th birthday party.

### WHO PROPOSED AND HOW?

After starting to date when Geri moved back to Minnesota from New Mexico, we planned a romantic trip to Italy in July 2011, as Geri finally wanted to get and to use a passport. Italian food, wine, and atmosphere led them to talking about their future together.

In Florence, we decided to go ring shopping and purchased our wedding bands on the Ponte Vecchio, the historic bridge over the Arno River that is lined with jewelry stores. Our official engagement was Mike saying to Geri, "Marry me," after purchasing the rings. There is still no agreement as to whether it was a question, command, or desperate plea.

### HOW LONG WERE YOU ENGAGED?

Four months. Mike was afraid Geri would come to her senses if they waited any longer to get married.

### DATE OF MARRIAGE:

Oct. 29, 2011

### PLACE OF MARRIAGE:

Jacobson cabin, Lake Koronis

### HOW LARGE WAS YOUR WEDDING?

For the ceremony, which was immediate family only, just 15. Since we both have friends and family from around the country, we decided to wait to hold our wedding reception until June 2012, also at Lake Koronis. Lucky for us, we had a picture-perfect day for entertaining 250 people!

### WHAT FOOD WAS SERVED?

Due to our Italian engagement, we decided for an Italian theme at the reception serving pasta and Italian wine.

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

For Geri, it was Mike serenading her with a medley of love songs. For Mike, after recovering from the trauma of Geri arriving 15 minutes late, it was seeing his beautiful bride and saying "I do."

### WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE WEDDING GIFT?

For wedding presents, we asked for a favorite bottle of wine, and the best part of that were some of the stories that our friends and family shared about what made the wine special to them. Mike also surprised Geri with a collage of watercolors from Florence framed with their engagement and wedding date. Our wedding gift to each other was building a new house, and we signed the final loan papers on Oct. 31, 2011, two days after our marriage and started construction on Nov. 1.

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

After a long day of work, it's a bottle of wine to share. (Unfortunately, these wedding gifts are not reusable.)

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

When you get married at 41, the only 'eligible' bachelors and bachelorettes are pre-teens, so there was no need to throw the bouquet.

### WHOSE FRIENDS OR RELATIVES HAD MORE FUN AT THE RECEPTION?

Mike's Canadian uncle, cousins, and spouses. They came and stayed for a few days after the reception. They stocked their cabin with nearly as much beer and wine (for six adults) as we served for the 250-person reception.

### WHERE DID YOU GO FOR A HONEYMOON?

We took a weekend trip to Chicago in April 2012. Highlights included: a frigid Cubs game at Wrigley Field (in true Cubs fashion, they committed two errors in the first inning and got booed five minutes into the game); eating at the Chicago Chop House; taking the architectural boat tour of downtown Chicago; shopping on the Magnificent Mile; and eating Chicago-style deep dish pizza at a bar next to our hotel.

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

Spending quality time together (date nights, going to lunch, weekend getaways) and not waiting for special occasions to say how we feel and how much we appreciate each other.

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

As we've just finished being newlyweds, maybe we're not the best ones to give advice about longevity just yet. Our first goal was to surpass Kim Khardasian, whose marriage lasted just 72 days, and we've lapped her! Geri feels you should be grateful everyday, and Mike thinks marriage is pretty easy when you marry your best friend.

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