



*Mr. & Mrs. Gary Robinson are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Nancy Anne Louise to Douglas Chamberlain, son of Ms. Carole Chamberlain and Mr. Donald Chamberlain. The wedding will take place on Saturday, September 21, 1996 at St. John's Anglican Church, St. Thomas.*

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#### ROBINSON - CHAMBERLAIN

The family of Nancy and Doug Chamberlain are proud to announce their marriage on September 21, 1996 at St. John's Anglican Church, St. Thomas. Nancy (Robinson) is the daughter of Gary and Kathy Robinson, St. Thomas and Doug is the son of Don Chamberlain, New Brunswick and Carole Chamberlain of Scarborough. Nancy and Doug are happily residing in Maple, ON.

Nancy Robinson weds  
Douglas Chamberlain  
September 21, 1996

J.H.  
M.J.F.  
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Case and Lony Van Roestal and Michele Inglis and David Draper proudly announce the marriage of their children, Jim and Sonia. The wedding took place October 9, 1999. The happy couple are now residing in North York. May God Bless them in their new life together.

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Mike and Ann Suto and Dave & Karen Dance proudly announce the marriage of their children Denise Lynn and John Carlton on October 10, 1998 at Emerald Lake, British Columbia. Mr. & Mrs. John Dance are now residing in London, Ontario.

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### October Weddings



Ian and Connie Foster wish to congratulate their son Dan on his marriage to Melanie Masterson on October 16, 1999. The ceremony took place at Knox Presbyterian Church, Elora, with the reception at Guelph Place, Guelph. The bride is the daughter of Jim and Maureen Masterson, Chatham and Diane Littlejohns, Kitchener. Bridal attendants were Rachel McDougal, Judy Radstake, Margot Vyvyon, Stephanie O'Brien and Courtney Allen as flower girl. Attending the groom were Brad Lunn, Rob Foster, Tony D'Angelo and Brian Millard. The happy couple honeymooned in Ireland and are now residing at R.R. #7, Alvinston.

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## 50th Wedding Anniversary Open House



Herbert & Margaret Charlton

June 19, 1943

The family of Herbert and Margaret (Hide) Charlton, RR 2, Springfield, is pleased to invite friends and relatives to the celebration of their 50th Anniversary. An Open House will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 20, 1993 at Springfield Lions Hall. Best wishes only.

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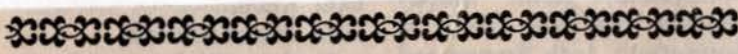
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### Garton - 35th

Ted and Helen Garton are celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary on Aug. 2. They were married in 1958. Love and best wishes from Roger, Rick, Cindy, Leanne, Andrea and Ricky. 1993

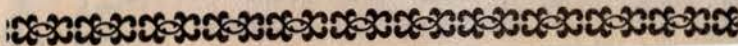
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## 50th Wedding Anniversary



The children of Don and Norma Foster wish to announce our parents' 50th Wedding Anniversary, August 7, 1993. They will be celebrating with a family dinner. Mom and Dad, we wish you many more years of good health and happiness.



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### 50th Wedding Anniversary



**Clarence and Edna Willsey**

The family of Clarence and Edna Willsey invite friends and relatives to an Open House for their parents, on their 50th Wedding Anniversary, on Sunday, September 12th, 1993, at Lion's Club Hall, Springfield, Ontario, from 2 - 5 p.m. Best Wishes only.

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#### Did You Know...

Marriage is less common today partly because women have less reason to marry and fewer eligible men to select from. Women today are attaining economic self-sufficiency and are no longer dependent on men for security. Also, the number of eligible men in the labor force has declined.

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# Fifty years and still in love



Edna and Clarence Willsey were married fifty years ago September 8. Any differences they may have had over the years were never serious, says Mr.

Willsey, because they never held a grudge. They raised 8 children and have 19 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

by Sue Bachner of The Aylmer Express "Being married is like running a business. Success just doesn't happen. You have to make it happen."

This is how Clarence Willsey sums up 50 years of marriage to his wife Edna. Mr. and Mrs. Willsey, of RR 1 Belmont, were married 50 years ago today, September 8.

Of every 10 Canadian couples who say "I do," 4 of them eventually don't, according to Statistics Canada. The median length of a marriage in the country today is 11 years.

While arranging an interview with Mr. and Mrs. Willsey for this story, they

were asked to focus on what it takes to stay married for 50 years. They thought about the question, and wrote their answers before the interview took place.

"The minister who married us stressed the important marriage vows, being married for better or for worse, through sickness and health, to love and to cherish until death do us part. If we had any differences Edna would always say, 'Remember our marriage vows,'" wrote Mr. Willsey.

These vows guide you to success, Mrs. Willsey explained.

The most important parts of a marriage, she wrote, are "loving each other and mak-

ing a commitment, trusting in each other and in the Lord, and keeping a sense of humour."

The couple met a year before they were married. Mrs. Willsey (then Miss Charlton) had just moved with her family to Lyons, where Mr. Willsey was born and raised. He knew her younger sister from high school and had heard of Edna. His parents knew her parents.

One night when Mr. Willsey was out driving in the community, a 21-year-old Miss Charlton and her younger sister were at a crosswalk in front of his car. He slammed on the brakes to avoid hitting them.

A week later, he took her on a date. They don't re-

member exactly what they did. "In those times, there was no money to spend. You'd go to town on a Saturday night, shop and drive around, but you wouldn't go out and do anything special," Mrs. Willsey said.

Both had dated previously, so this was not their first relationship. By the time Mr. Willsey had met Miss Charlton, he was ready to find a woman whose company he enjoyed and who shared his Christian values. "I met her, I took her out a few times, and I decided that was the one," said Mr. Willsey, who is a year older than his wife.

He proposed to Edna on a stormy winter night in 1943. She didn't say yes right away because, "I was brought up to understand that marriage is a serious step."

She told him she would have an answer for him the next time they spoke, which would be a few days later because the snow storm would make driving to her home difficult.

When she finally said yes, it was because, "he seemed to be a gentleman. I thought he loved me and that was important."

They began their life together on Mr. Willsey's family dairy farm east of Lyons, where they are still living. They bought the farm from his father in 1943.

There they raised eight children, which "kept me busy getting the food, and Edna busy preparing it," said Mr. Willsey, "that's why we didn't get into any real fights."

Mr. Willsey, 73, still works on his dairy farm, which his son Roy manages.

For over 35 years, Mr. Willsey has been in public office. He was an Elgin County Board of Education trustee for 12 years, a South Dorchester councillor for 13, and for the past 11 years has been Reeve of South Dorchester.

"She should have a medal for putting up with me," he said about his wife, "I've been away a lot and she had to raise the family."

"Oh, I don't know. You get your rewards. They're a pretty good family," she responded.

One thing that kept them from any serious disagreements was their refusal to hold grudges. "It's the worst thing you can do," said Mr. Willsey.

You also have to "be careful not to say things you wish you hadn't," Mrs. Willsey said, looking at her husband. "I wouldn't want to say or do anything that would hurt my

husband's feelings because I respect him."

Support is also important. She always took an interest in what her husband was doing with council, and he always supported her on anything she wanted to do.

Mrs. Willsey has been involved with community events since they married. She often collects money from neighbours for flowers when somebody has died, or when a newlywed couple has returned from their honeymoon.

She is also a strong force in keeping the family close.

Every month, she sends a newsletter to each of her relatives, to inform them on the latest engagements, and to remind them of coming birthdays and celebrations. "There are so many of us, that it's hard to keep in touch sometimes," she said.

Recent statistics indicate fewer and fewer couples will celebrate a fiftieth wedding anniversary. In ten years, the percentage of divorces has climbed 10%.

"When young couples get discouraged, it's sad. They don't know where to turn," said Mrs. Willsey, "but if they had their mind on working it out, I think some of them could."

Many couples don't take their vows seriously, and it creates problems in their marriage later on. "There's not as much commitment anymore," she said.

Her husband felt high costs of living and foolish

spending are other contributors to marital problems. "Some get in debt so far they have no more entertainment. Then they think they'll get entertainment with someone else."

This was never a problem for them, because they spent their money carefully. "Even now, we're still cautious," remarked Mrs. Willsey.

"Raising a large family took some planning," Mr. Willsey said, "so I have always had tough money policies and passed this advice along to our children: It's not what you make that counts, but what you save that counts. This is important toward holding a marriage together."

He uses this policy in his politics. South Dorchester operates with a reserve fund. Mr. Willsey strictly frowns upon deficit spending.

He has one more year left as reeve. He doesn't intend to keep his title after December 1994. Soon he and his wife will have more time to spend together.

"When he says, 'I guess we'll go out to lunch,' I'm right there," his wife said.

"Now that the kids are gone and we have more money, we can enjoy life pretty well," said Mr. Willsey, as he leaned back in his comfortable armchair.

Their 8 children, 19 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren will help them celebrate the anniversary on Saturday, at Springfield Lions Community Hall.

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# Happy 30th Anniversary



*Congratulations Liz & Gerry!*

April 25, 1964

With Love Paul, Julie, Anne-Marie, Daren,  
Peter & Brenda

# Happy 40th Anniversary

May 14, 1994

Richard & Nellie Buis



Congratulations with love from  
your children and grandchildren.

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# Happy 25th Anniversary

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Mary & Len MacVicar

August 9th

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Love your family

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LEN IS THE SON OF MADELENE & THE LATE LLOYD  
MACVICAR

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# 40th Wedding Anniversary

Bill & Norma Shackelton



To help celebrate our anniversary, we invite relatives, friends and neighbours to an Open House at Timberlane Estates, Avon Drive, R.R. 1, Belmont, on Sunday, July 9, 1995 from 2 - 4 p.m. Your friendship and best wishes will be our treasured gift.

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JOYCE & MAX ZAVITZ  
45<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY  
OCTOBER 14, 1995

Happy 25th Wedding Anniversary  
Harold and Marie Pake  
October 17, 1995



Love - From your Friends.

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Happy 50th Anniversary  
Russell & Shirley Lunn



Family and friends are invited to an open house at the  
I.O.O.F. Hall in Belmont on June 21st, 1997, 2 - 4 p.m.  
Best wishes only please.

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Happy 50th Anniversary !  
Russell & Shirley Lunn celebrate  
June 21, 1997.

Congratulations to Tom and  
Nell Bouthoorn who celebrated  
60 years of marriage June 29,  
1996 at home with family

Happy 60th Anniversary!  
Tom & Nell Bouthoorn celebrate  
at home with their family  
60 years of marriage,  
June 29, 1996.

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# Happy 35th Anniversary



*Andy & Minnie Hiemstra*

*Love from your kids*

Nov 25 1997

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Happy 35th Wedding Anniversary!  
Andy & Minnie Hiemstra celebrate  
35 years of marriage, November,  
1997.

## Happy 25th Anniversary

Esther and Jack Wackley



Congratulations and best wishes to Jack and Esther (Nelson) who are celebrating their 25th Anniversary. They were married at the Alma College Chapel, St. Thomas, on July 31, 1971. They have one son, Bill, attending university in Ottawa. Love your family and friends.

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Happy Anniversary!

## Happy 25th Anniversary

Brian & Donna Lunn

August 4, 1998



Love from your family

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## 50th Anniversary



Betty and Raymond Dance

October 1, 1949

In this time of thanksgiving, we celebrate 50 years of marriage. We share this blessing with our children David & Karen, Dianne & Don, Charlie & Brenda, Marcia & Scott, and with our grandchildren, John & Denise, Jamie, Trisha, Cheryl, Sheri, Scott, Stacie, Stephanie & Shaylene.

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