

FROM ENGLAND TO NIAGARA FALLS IN ONE DAY:

1963

When you live in England - a Honeymoon in Niagara Falls is just a dream for most people.

My dream became an exciting reality in 1963 on the 7th December, after a whirlwind romance in the summer of 1963 - when I met Roy, now my Husband of 29 years. He was on holiday & had emigrated from England to Canada in 1953. Our families lived on the same road & were friends for several years. We were going to wait until 1964 & have a Spring wedding in England. However being very much in love & phone calls in those days - costing £3-50 a minute - we decided to marry in Canada.

Roy sent my engagement ring by mail & my Parents held a combined engagement & pre-marriage party for both families. Roy being a Woolworths General Manager could not be with us & rang during the celebration & sent a dozen red roses.

All the plans were now ready & early on the morning of 7th December 1963

We all drove to London airport & after a very tearful parting - I boarded the plane to Toronto - Canada.

The flight was smooth & it wasn't until we landed in Toronto & I sat waiting in a dreary green emigration room - that I began to feel very nervous. They gave me a hard time at the Customs - checking cases etc & wanted to know what was in the big box? Then I told them it was my wedding outfit & if they did not hurry I would not make it to the church on time. This brought a big smile to their faces & they whisked me through without another word.

Roly & his Brothers were waiting to welcome me to Canada & after hugs & kisses we drove to York where I needed to get ready for the most wonderful day of my life.

The church was festively with candle-lights & after meeting with Canon Thomas & his wife we were married. After the ceremony we all met for a small reception at friend of Roly's & gift opening.

Then we were on our way to a fabulous 3 day Honey moon in Niagara

Falls arriving late at night & in winter
made my first sight of the "Falls" more
magical & beautiful than I could have
ever imagined. The lights shining on the
cascading water were so pretty - it really
took my breath away.

The next morning after breakfast - we
walked over & viewed the wonder of it all
in daylight. The trees had a ghostly appearance
& added to my dream of Niagara Falls.

Although our Honeymoon was short -
I still have vivid memories of my
first & most wonderful visit to Niagara
Falls. Hoping to return one day - I shall
always fondly recall my adventure in
one day from London - England - to Canada
& the Romantic - Niagara Falls.

