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The time was July 20, 1968. Four years after the Kennedy assassination and one year before they walked on the moon.

I was 19 at the time of my marriage to my husband, Len. Our wedding took place at our Lady of Mount Carmel Church where I had attended school. Our wedding reception was at the Tenderloin Restaurant (now called the "Rib Cage"). History does repeat itself because it was at that same restaurant 20 years prior that my mother and father, along with her twin sister and husband had their wedding breakfast. At that time it was called the "Samovar". Our first night was spent in a motel in Niagara Falls and then we left to spend the rest of our honeymoon in northern Ontario.

I believe absence does make the heart grow fonder because after living away from Niagara Falls, New York for a period of seven years, we came back and have been here the last eighteen years. We purchased our home in the LaSalle are and our children attend the Senior High.

I feel a very strong love for this city and apparently, I'm not alone; three out of the four girls in my wedding party have married and also purchased homes in Niagara Falls.

1993 will be a year of celebrations for us. Our daughter, Melissa will graduate from

LaSalle Senior High School and go on to college. Our son, Michael will turn sixteen and we will celebrate 25 years of marriage on July 20th.

Honeymoons don't have to end after a period of time, they can last a lifetime. I guess you could say that since I was born and raised in the "**Honeymoon Capital Of The World**" and I'm still here; that the honeymoon really isn't over.

Sincerely,



Mary Slagel

\*P.S. They really did walk on the moon on our first wedding anniversary, July 20, 1969.