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The end of a story sometimes has to be written at the begining and thats where I will start, with a fond and never forgotten Honeymoon in Niagara Falls many years ago.

On October 18, 1945, my wife Evelyn and I were married in Atlantic City, I had just been discharged from the Army Air Force, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, Purple Heart and three Bronze Stars. We did not waste any time after my Honorable discharge from the service, and were married in a week.

And so, the story begins, we wanted to go to Florida on our honeymoon, but train and air transportation was hard to find, with all the service people traveling at that time, so we decided to go to Niagara Falls.

We traveled by train, no pullman service or anything like that, seems like it took us forever to get there, New York, then Buffalo and at last Niagara Falls. With no reservations or knowledge of hotels in the city, we hired a taxi, and asked him to find us a hotel. He did, and delivered us to a place called the "Temperance Hotel". Not fancy or first class. No dineing, no dancing and of course no drinking. What a way to spend a honeymoon. We made the best of it for five days, after all, thats what a honeymoon is all about. (we did get to see the falls)

Evelyn and I often wanted to go back and revisit Niagara Falls, I guess after all these years a lot more hotels have come to be, with dancing , dining, drinking and all that good stuff, I guess also that we are getting too old for all that now anyhow. It would be fun to try it all again, Evelyn just said she is not too old, so maybe with her inspiration we will try it again, who knows.

I think I went over the 200 word limit, but thats my story and a true one of Golden Honeymoon Memories in Niagara Falls.

Our best wishes to the Niagara Gazette and the winners who ever they may be,

Respectfully,
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