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HOLIDAY MEMORIES

My husband and I were married on June 20 1953, nearly forty years ago. I grew up on a farm in an area between Barry's Bay and Bancroft and eventually travelled to Belleville to attend the Ontario Business College. While in Belleville I met a wonderful man-- my husband Les, who came from the Belleville area. Our wedding took place in the small church in Palmer Rapids where I grew up.

True to tradition, our honeymoon, of course, had to start at Niagara Falls, where a lot of newly weds went. We arrived there the next day after the wedding, expecting to see and do the "fabulous". And it was fabulous. It was so romantic walking in the fine mist that was spraying on you as you went to get a closer look at "the Falls". The lights on the Falls at night were just like a rainbow. It was beautiful.

We decided to take a boat cruise on the "Maid of the Mist". I remember the big capes and hoods we wore, with only our faces showing. I thought we looked like something from outer space. They took our pictures on the boat and we still have them.

The next day we went for a buggy ride-- it seemed like the horse was nearly galloping along. The horse must have known we were honeymooners, the way he was acting. I remember it as being so much fun. There were also a number of shops where we could buy souvenirs and gifts. That was certainly more fun for me, since I have always loved shopping. We stayed in one of the motels along the strip. The service was excellent, but for some reason I can't think of the name and maybe it isn't there any longer. I remember that the meals in the restaurants seemed particularly delicious, and the waitresses especially accommodating.

When we think back about our honeymoon at Niagara Falls, it was a good beginning for our married life. It showed how God put everything together in such a magnificent beautiful way, and that all we had to do was enjoy it. We still thank God for the wonderful memories that we shared at Niagara and for the fact that we are still together nearly forty years later.

Sincerely,
Anna Optator