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The skyline of Niagara Falls on the evening of November 26, 1967 will be forever etched in my mind. It was a clear, cold night with a few snowflakes falling softly and the magic of the lights playing on the water and the falls. The roar of the water caught me completely by surprise and filled my thoughts. The cold spray of the water on my face snapped me back from "rever-beel" land to reality.

My husband and I were wed on Saturday, November 25, 1967 in a small rural community church at Olinda, near Leamington, Ontario. I had never stayed in a motel and had only heard of Niagara Falls as THE PLACE for honeymoons. Now, my dreams were coming true. The motel is no longer standing, having been replaced by a chain of inns, but the excitement and wonderment of all the sights along the strip still exist.

As a young woman of twenty-one years, I had read "Ripley's Believe-it-or-not" in the newspaper, but now beyond my wildest dreams, I even got to visit the museum. It left me just as full of questions as the newspaper article! The wax museum people were real and life-like, not like the sideshow that I had visited at local fairs. It was almost more than I could truly digest in one day! Niagara Falls in late November, 1967 should truly enchantment for a new bride and groom.

I liken our now twenty-five years of marriage to The Falls itself. It's a sturdy rock with water falling in high and low spots. Our marriage has had its high and low points too, but, throughout these years, it is still standing firm.

Our oldest son is being married in July, 1993 and trying to plan a honeymoon. I have advised him that there will be no more enchanted city to visit than Niagara Falls. Unlike his mother in her youth, he has visited Niagara Falls numerous times and wants a more adventuresome honeymoon. But, I'm afraid he'll ultimately be disappointed. A young new bride and groom will find excitement and adventure wherever they honeymoon. The thrill is from within oneself and the beginning of sharing your life with someone you love.

Niagara Falls is a city of unsurpassed beauty, scenery, inns and motels, superb dining rooms and exciting nightlife. It can rival any city in North America. To me, it will always remain the "honeymoon capital" of North America.

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