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Niagara Falls Honeymoon Story

Somewhere in North America there is a couple willing to share their honeymoon experience in Niagara Falls with you and the rest of the world.

Our names are Gene and Patty Noe from Williamsstown, West Virginia. We were married December 9, 1967. That is the date our story began.

From the time we met we dreamed of getting married and spending our honeymoon at Niagara Falls. The only thing that didn't work out as we had planned was the time of the year we did it. He wanted a summer wedding but Gene got drafted into the Army. After his basic and AIT training, he was stationed to Ft. Lewis, Washington. He decided to get married during his military leave in early December. With the help of our wonderful families and friends we were able to have a beautiful church wedding.

However, we did not let the cold, snowy days of December dampen our dream of a Niagara Falls honeymoon. Everyone thinking we were crazy, on the evening of December 9, 1967, we headed for

Niagara Falls with "JUST MARRIED" signs all over the car. When we stopped to eat, fuel the car or to rest people would ask us where we were going and we replied "Niagara Falls." "You've got to be kidding!" was the comment of most. It took such short notice we forgot to make reservations in the Falls. He arrived two days later a little apprehensive as to where we would stay. The first place we stopped didn't have a honeymoon suite but the gentleman was very helpful trying to find us a place with a honeymoon suite we could afford. No luck. By noon it began to snow and became very windy and cold. He finally made a decision to stay at the Holiday Inn within walking distance to the Falls. He told the desk clerk we were on our honeymoon and ask if he had a suite. Nothing was available in a suite but he had a very nice room facing the Falls. He took it. By this time we were exhausted and hungry. He walked downtown looking for a place to eat. There was nothing open but a 5 x 10 ft store. Even it was ready to close due to the weather - but we went in

Being just married, in love and young we had lost track of time and the store was closing due to the end of the day. He managed to shop a short time. Everyone was so friendly and questioned my southern accent. He told them our story and they, too, wanted to know why Niagara Falls in December. He ended up getting sandwiches and taking them back to our room. The lady behind the deli counter gave us a red carnation and a key chain of Niagara Falls.

He left the store and walked to the Falls. It was just about dark. Cold wasn't the word for the weather but we kept walking until we came to the glass elevator. The Falls were so beautiful. The glass elevator was warm, compared to the outside. He were so much in love we couldn't believe anything or anyone could sway our minds but the Falls made it that much more romantic. The next day we hired a taxi to take us on a tour of the sites. He was excellent. He explained to him why were honeymooning in December and he treated us like a Queen and King.

He were young and didn't have the

knowledge then we have today or we would have remembered the names of the many gracious people that played such an important role in our lives back then.

It's always been our desire to return to the Falls where our married life began 25 years ago this past December.

To top it off, we had a camera full of memories to bring home and keep for the rest of our lives. On our way home we stopped at a rest area on the turnpike and the camera must have fallen out of the car. When we arrived in West Virginia we didn't have one picture to remind us of our honeymoon. Just the red carnation and the key chain from the wonderful lady in the 5 + 10 store in downtown Niagara Falls.

It's never forget Niagara Falls. As I said earlier, it was our dream to honeymoon in Niagara Falls and our dream came true. It was a beautiful honeymoon paradise. We savor the memories of our trip to this day.

We hope others have dreams of a Niagara Falls Paradise as we did. The beginning of a married life in such

a romantic atmosphere will be
cherished for ever and ever till
death do them part.

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