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My husband Joe and I will be celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary on January 22, 1994. As we look back with fond memories on the last 49 years and remember the day that we were married, it brings tears of happiness to our eyes.

Our honeymoon was a story in itself. January 22, 1944, was a day of great joy and happiness. Our reception was held at St. George's Hall, on East Falls street. We, our relatives and close friends were having such a wonderful time, but little did we know that a rain storm was brewing and causing havoc, on this otherwise beautiful day. We stayed at our reception until the wee hours of the night, saying good-bye to everyone. We were the last ones to leave, so we thought. As we were about to leave for our honeymoon to Buffalo, N.Y., in a borrowed car, someone asked us if we could give a ride to a few people, since we were going that way. We said, sure we will, but little did we know, that it was the 4 piece orchestra and all their instruments. So in the drenching rain, me still in my wedding

gown, my new husband and I packed everyone in the car with all their instruments, and off to Buffalo we went. By the time we dropped everyone off at their homes, it was quiet late. We didn't have any reservations at a hotel, so we drove around until we found a hotel that was opened. It was the Genesee Hotel. The hotel was being remodeled, and all the rooms were torn apart, but out of pure desperation we made due with what we had. In the morning we headed back to Niagara Falls. That evening we stayed at the Niagara Hotel. Our honeymoon was cut short, because my husband was on leave from the army, and he had to head back to his base in Texas, to go overseas.

Even though this was not the honeymoon we expected it to be, we both look back now on that special day with memories of love.

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