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Today is my birthday and our 33rd wedding anniversary. Our honeymoon was in Niagara Falls, New York, in 1960. This is my recount of our experiences and why I would love to have another honeymoon in Niagara Falls.

I am from Fort Wayne, Indiana, and my husband Tom is from Niagara Falls, New York. He came to Fort Wayne to attend college where I met him in 1958. We were married in 1960 on my 19th birthday; he was 26 and still had one month to go before he graduated from college.

I was working as a secretary and attending Indiana University Extension in Fort Wayne and making \$60 a week. Tom was a full time student attending college on the GI Bill. We had absolutely nothing in material things to speak of, but we had each other and that is all that seemed to matter.

We were married in the Rectory of a catholic church in Fort Wayne with only my mother and the couple that stood up with us in attendance. We asked my uncle to take pictures. We both wore suits several years old since we didn't have any money to buy wedding frills.

We waited until Thursday (Monday was our wedding day) when Tom's classes were done to take a train to Niagara Falls to meet his family. We didn't have a car that would make the trip. The train pulled into Buffalo and Tom's sister Ellen met us at the station. I was scared to death...not knowing whether his family would like me or not since this was the first time I would be meeting them. His sister let us stay at her apartment; we didn't have a honeymoon suite.

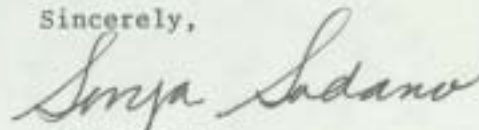
Tom's father was a parapalegic (since deceased) and his mother (now 81) managed to have a family reception at their upstairs apartment so I could meet everyone. Mainly we just talked briefly with the guests and opened presents. I was warmly received by everyone. We didn't have a wedding reception with a big wedding cake, music, dancing, etc.

Tom took me on a tour of Niagara Falls and down to Devils Hole where he spent time as a kid. Neither of us have ever been to Cave of the Winds or on the Maid of the Mist. We went to a wax museum and walked through quite a few souvenir shops. By Sunday we were headed back to Fort Wayne by train.

We have lived in Fort Wayne most of our married lives and have two sons and three grandchildren.

It would be absolutely tremendous to be able to have another honeymoon in Niagara Falls with an honest-to-goodness wedding reception (maybe a wedding dress, too?). All of Tom's family still lives around Niagara Falls and they would enjoy it, too.

Sincerely,



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