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Niagara Falls - Golden Honeymoon Memories

Few honeymoon memories are not golden yet - but they are silver this year. On October 11, 1968, Raymond Brenneman and Marybel Archibald were united in marriage by the bride's father, Rev Donald Archibald. It was a very quiet, evening wedding in the Presbyterian Manse in Wara Ontario. Few thought "it" would last - but, by the Grace of God and the miracle of love "it" has. - or, was it because of the mystery and majesty and magic of the Niagara Falls consummation of this marriage, that lives on in memory, that continues to keep this husband and wife of twenty-five years together!?!

The history of Niagara Falls is full of romantic magnetism. When we were married, there was no discussion about going to the "honeymoon capital of the world", we just took it for granted we would. After all, it was the only proper place to go for a honeymoon! So, we did!!

It was Thanksgiving weekend. The parks were full of colour and warmth. The Falls were magnificent by day and by night. The world in the area of Niagara Falls was wonderful and we delighted in it and each other. We went to the spectacular Skylon, then, the world's tallest reinforced concrete structure. What a breathtaking view we were treated to from its observatory and from the glass enclosed elevators up and down the 520 ft. tower. Both of

we enjoy history, so we spent an educational and entertaining afternoon in the Niagara Falls Museum. (with our honeymoon pictures and memorabilia we still have the Niagara Falls Museum directory which cost us .25¢) From the fifth floor of the Museum, we thrilled to another amazing view of the mighty river, the raging rapids and the fabulous, famous falls. We wandered along the walkways. Hand-in-hand, we admired the beautiful buildings on the streets of the city of Niagara Falls. We browsed in the shops, rested on the benches in the quiet gardens, and we agreed how wonderful this place and life was!

We had both been to Niagara Falls many times with our own families as children, with school trips and with friends - but there

was certainly something special about being in Niagara Falls together on our honeymoon. The most vivid memory of that magic happened when we went down the escarpment. What a marvel from above and below! We rode the Maid of the Mist close to the magnificent force of the falls. The thunder of the tons of water deafened our ears. How powerful this wonder of water was and in comparison how fragile we were. The dampness of the rocks and air around us didn't dull our enthusiasm. The force encircling us and embracing us was more than the Falls. It was an extraordinary enchantment - or was it Love!

We are delighted we spent the first weekend of our wedded life at Niagara Falls. It is a wonderful memory. We hope these few words

have done justice to our still
 exciting experiences. Niagara Falls
 is a place for all seasons and all
 reasons, but particularly perfect
 for a honeymoon. It would be so
 wonderful to be your winning
 couple and celebrate our
 25th - Honeymoon (as we did
 our 1st) - enjoying Niagara
 Falls ^{this time} & compliments of this contest
 and the City of Niagara Falls!!
 What a memory it will make!

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Here are some photo
copies of our
memories & photos
of our Happy Honeymoon
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picture we took from
the Skylon Observatory

