

[Celebrating Our 43rd Anniversary-Addicted to Love](#)

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Yesterday, Nancy and I celebrated our 43rd anniversary. We opened one of our “good” bottles of wine and had a romantic dinner together.

The night before, we took Omaha lawyer, [Anne Marie O'Brien](#), to dinner. Anne Marie asked how we met and decided to get married.

I did not know Nancy at the time, but my first encounter with her was when I worked for the Lombard Park District and one of my jobs was to umpire Pony Tail Softball games. Nancy played on one of the teams. She was an athlete then and is still an athlete today.

The first time I really met her was when we both attended a wedding in 1969. For me, it was love at first sight. She was beautiful with long hair down to her waist and we just seemed to hit it off.

That summer we both worked the midnight shift and I took Nancy to work every night and picked her up in the morning. We spent our mornings going places like to a Lake Michigan beach in downtown Chicago.

Before I started my first year of law school, we got engaged. Our families thought we were crazy. After all, I was just starting law school and Nancy had just finished her freshman year in college. We had no money.

When we got married on June 6, 1970, we had to drive that weekend from Chicago to Richmond where I would start summer law school on the Monday after the wedding. We started out in an apartment that cost \$95 a month and Nancy worked part-time and went to school. When we could not afford the apartment, we moved in with my grandmother and great-grandmother who was 98 years old. We were quite a crew to say the least.

Several months ago I wrote a blog: [The Secret to Good Marriages and Clients for Life](#). Go back and re-read it if you want to know what I think the secret is. To me, one secret is to always treat each other like we are still romancing each other. I think this quote explains it:

A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person. –
Mignon McLaughlin

I think we have also inspired each other. I like this quote:

A great spouse loves you exactly as you are. An extraordinary spouse helps you grow;
inspires you to be, do and give your very best.–Fawn Weaver

The photo below was taken a few years after we got married. Yes, I have on bell-bottom jeans and
yes, Nancy's hair is braided, which makes me think this photo was taken after [Bo Derek](#) starred in
the movie [10](#), in 1979.



While I was in law school, Nancy and I went to the Ike and Tina Turner concert. I still love Tina
Turner. On our anniversary I kept singing the Tina Turner hit: *Addicted to Love*. Here it is live from
Wembley Stadium.

You like to think that you're immune to the stuff
It's closer to the truth to say you can't get enough
You know you're gonna have to face it
You're addicted to love

Tina Turner Addicted To Love Live 2000

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