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Avoiding Our Wedding Anniversary

Friday, June 04, 2021



It is not about the marriage. That's been a generally good 54 years to remember.
It's about the DATE itself. June 3rd.

It began on our wedding day in 1967. I was standing in the back of the church, the organ was playing "Here Comes the Bride" and I could see a commotion up on the altar. Joe came running back to tell me that the priest didn't show up. He was a friend who filled out all the necessary paperwork to officiate in a different jurisdiction and put the wrong date on his calendar.

At this point the assembled guests were wondering which one of us was backing out. Fortunately, it was NYC in the 60s. Plenty of priests around back then and we got a substitute who probably didn't want to risk us keeping our honeymoon plans without an official OK.

The reception went smoothly. We got nice pictures



And we missed the entire 6 day war in the Middle East since there was no TV or newspapers in our Nassau Beach hotel. The future looked bright
THEN:

- June 3, 1968 - I picked up our mail and found Joe's orders to report for active duty in the army.
- June 3, 1969 - He got his orders to Vietnam
- June 3, 1970 - He was IN Vietnam
- June 3, 1971 - We got notice that he might lose his job since his "very patriotic company" was only obligated to give him his job back "for one year"
- June 3, 1972 - 6 months pregnant driving to our new life in Ohio pulling a U-Haul with a 3 year old

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throwing up in the backseat.

You get the idea? Was that date jinxed? After that start, we just avoided any kind of plans. We would mark each passing year "sometime in June"

It became so much a family joke that Joe marked our 20th Anniversary (June 3, 1987) with hemorrhoid surgery. Yeah, a real sense of humor there.

There were some horrific events too
A brutal murder in our neighborhood
MIL being discovered unresponsive and taken to the ER.

When we risked a cruise down the Danube in 2013, June 3rd marked the highest flood water ever. Our ship was the last safely through Budapest. The news was then full of people being rescued.

For our 50th Anniversary we returned to NYC to spend a week visiting the old neighborhoods and places significant to our years together there.

Like Rockaway Beach, the site of our first date June 1963 and many thereafter



Sitting on the guardrail by the Sunrise Highway where he proposed in 1963 with "If we're still together in 3 years, we should get married." I said "OK"



On June 3rd we visited the Church where it all began 50 years before. Surprise! There had been a wedding earlier in the day. A priest was there getting ready for an evening Mass and he took this photo.



This year we are simply grateful to have survived a very challenging year and an uneventful June 3rd.

So even if things don't go according to plan on one particular day, it does not define your future. The good outweighed the bad by a LOT and we now laugh about all those unfortunate June 3rds. They are just a part of our unique family history. The official day doesn't matter. It's the long term that is important.

Hey, maybe that attitude is why I never have an "official weigh in day"
It's the long term that's important in the journey.

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UPTOIT59



Happy Anniversary to you and your husband- nice to go back to the old neighborhood, I am sure there are plenty of great memories and that you are still making memories!

1 hour ago



NEWNANCY2012



We will be married 56 years on October 2nd!

1 hour ago



GRAMPIAN



Fascinating.

1 hour ago



CHERRYZMB60



Happy Anniversary and many more



5 hours ago



2DAWN4



Happy anniversary!

7 hours ago



SAMMILESSACH



Amazing...we were wedded same date years apart. No my anniversary nothing like yours, husband off to war,lose of job ,driving to a new home.

But I didn't "choose" the date. (no thank was against but either.it was circumstantial)His older sister was stationed over seas, but had plans to be stateside that week, due to their younger sister H.S. Graduation. Well there was no H.s. Graduation...she dropped out..later got Ged. Oldest sister had tickets & ALL didnt when she could make it back, so instead of my in-laws having a graduation they had a wedding! The official was late, no biggie, everything about that date was great..til the very end our best friends fought and broke up at our reception!

It's sad every year more than once I look at our photos..we never ate that day,just a bite of cake for photo, many have passed, some we just don't talk anymore.

We had wanted to go to Bahammas for our 10th, couldnt,then 20th ..well everything in 2020 was cancelled.

So many ups&downs..but we are still here. ♡

8 hours ago

MARGE116



Happy Anniversary!!



8 hours ago



THINCPL2004



Happy Anniversary!
8 hours ago



RACHNACH



9 hours ago



SEWISTLADY



Happy Anniversaries! That's quite a story of June 3rd's! We will celebrate 54 years in September.

9 hours ago



COUNTRYGALINNY



Happy Anniversary

11 hours ago



INCH_BY_INCH



Well you could look at it as I date to remember. The positive outcomes and your

committed endurance to make it work.

12 hours ago



JAGRIF



Happy anniversary
13 hours ago



BKNOCK



Happy Anniversary!
13 hours ago



PEACEMONSTER



Happy Anniversary!
14 hours ago



KAYDE53



What an interesting start! Congrats on your anniversary!
14 hours ago



PATRICIAAK



Happy Golden +4 Anniversary!
14 hours ago



MARTHA324



Your story is amazing! Funny....but amazing! Perhaps just erase June 3 from the calendar?

Regardless 54 years is wonderful and wishing you both many more happy years!



15 hours ago



JPPERSELL



Happy golden anniversary! That is a long time to be married. That is a blessing even though you had some pretty miserable years. Here is to many more to come!

15 hours ago





SHAKERATTLEROLL



Both of you had the best of luck on June 3 when you said "I Do" to each other.
15 hours ago



ALICIA363



16 hours ago



RSWIFE

Happy Anniversary! Wishing many more years together making happy memories.
16 hours ago



LIVINGLOVINLIFE

Great affirmation to a wonderful marriage. I think most marriages have lots of ups and downs, hopefully the good outweighs the bad and that makes marriage last. Happy Anniversary
17 hours ago



SUNNYCALIGIRL

Thank you for sharing this amusing (probably not to you both!) story. Your wedding picture,

you are both so young and you look absolutely the beautiful bride and handsome groom.
17 hours ago



OSONIYE

Happy Anniversary!!
You two have a good thing going!



17 hours ago



WYNAGAIN

June 3 is my husbands bd, he was 75 and feeling old. Maybe it doesn't matter what the date is every day has good and bad
18 hours ago



MDOWER1

Hope it went. Better this year
18 hours ago



OHMEMEME

Blessed by a marriage with longevity! June 3rd was your lucky day! Lol DH and I have 39 yrs of marriage on June 5th!
Enjoyed your blog!



18 hours ago



YICHE12

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WALKINTOFIT



beautiful pictures! glad u made it thru the festivities and was able to tell the story! have a great rest of June
19 hours ago



192LBMARILYN

I love the strength in this love story. I am a firm believer that, God will not give me more than I can handle, and you just proved it is true in your story. Please thank your husband for helping to keep us free and thank you for being the wife that stood by him through it all. I was only a child in the 60's but I have a special place in my heart for all veterans and their families.





19 hours ago



MELOBEE



Ha! Love it. I live in NC, where the third of June also has a very ominous meaning: "It was the third of June, another sleepy, dusty delta day." Ode to Billy Joe by Bobby Gentry. I'm surprised it's not a state song for however many times I heard it this year on that date, LOL. (Yes, I'm a transplant here from Ohio ;-)).

Awesome pics of you and your husband--I'm glad you were able to get one in the same church where you got married. Great story!

19 hours ago



JUNETTA2002



20 hours ago



KITTYHAWK1949



20 hours ago



4EVERDIETER



Happy Anniversary!
20 hours ago



WALLAHALLA



Wowzers! Definitely can't forget the date after all that! Here's to celebrating your happy years together, before and after the grand day!

20 hours ago



SAMMILESSACH



Holy Crow!!!!!! I was wedded June 3 2000.

I kid you not my next blog was going to be about dates!

Congrats on your 54 years!!!!

We actually fought the day before our anniversary this year...

Better now.....

This is a amazing blog!!!!!! And Omg there are so many similarities to me and "dates" that I have noticed more& more the past year!!!!

By the way...I didn't pick out the "date" I don't like "odd" numbers, I'll have to share that later...

You and Joe congrats!!!!!!



You are very smart for not making "dates" a thing as I have learned recently!!!!!!

21 hours ago



SUSANYOUNGER



Happy Anniversary
21 hours ago



ELSCO55



Happy Anniversary. Thank you for sharing. Congrats on 54 years.

21 hours ago



DONNA_CPS2



Nice story. My daughter was married June 3, 1995. Weather awesome! Lovely time!

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22 hours ago

RHOOK20047



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two days before we got married we got a call that her pastor was being sent to Bolivia, and the associate was on vacation. The day before we got married, we were told a visiting priest our marry us. But he had been in a rural area for over 30 years. He hadn't done a wedding in a church in many years. Most were done in fields. But the day went off with too many issues. Just that he called me by the wrong name. That evening when we went to the hotel we found out the hotel made a mistake and gave the honeymoon suite to the wrong people. I was mad and tired and we decided to just go to our apartment. My brother lived a few blocks away and when he saw your car in front called a bunch of friends who joined us about 2:00 a.m. for an impromptu party. Not the normal story, but August we will be together for 45 years and I don't think I would have wanted it any other way. As Kelly Clarkson says, "What doesn't kill you makes you stronger."

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22 hours ago



DREJSANDELL

My spouse and I are observing our 50th wedding anniversary in August 2021. Your blog post

was really encouraging!!
22 hours ago



JIMMOORE14

A great story. Those early years must have toughened you up. Everything after that was easy.
23 hours ago



PHATPAT18

Great story.
23 hours ago



TAMMYVAUGHN57

Happy Anniversary. Glad you had an uneventful 3rd this year. Wow what you have gone through. You are right though that a day doesn't design your future. Good thing your marriage is strong! Have a blessed year.
23 hours ago



SUSMANNIE

So young and sweet! And your wedding picture is lovely, too!
23 hours ago

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