

# Spotlight Couple

A wedding is for a day...  
A marriage is for a lifetime



Joy

*"I stay turned onto my mate by practicing the 10-second kiss. This is from Ellen Kreidman's book *The 10-Second Kiss*. It really connects us and reminds me that I love Kevin with all my heart, mind, body and soul."*

What I appreciate about my mate is...

His sense of adventure.

Marriage is like...

A roller coaster ride. There are highs and lows, times when you are scared out of your wits, times when you feel on top of the world, times when you want to stop and get off, times when you can't see what's coming around the corner. But you just hang on and trust in God and each other.

One thing I've learned to accept is...

We're different. Logically you know that, but it still surprises me once in a while. And I have to stop and think, I'm not right and he's not wrong, it's just that we have different points of view. And once we accept that, we can move on to resolving our differences peacefully.

Who are your role models for marriage?

My parents. They have been married 50 years and are still in love.

Kevin

*"One of the reasons that I decided to marry Joy was that I saw her parents unafraid to show in playful ways that they loved each other. I figured that if that's the relationship that she had modeled*

*for her, that's what I want too. I'm happy to tell people that I'm married to the Joy of my life."*

Talk about kids and marriage.

I love our children dearly and they take third place in my life. First is my relationship with God. There were many dark nights in the past that I know he pulled me through. Second is my wife Joy. I firmly believe that if I have a happy, loving and passionate relationship with her then my kids will have a good idea of how to do relationships right.

My definition of a great evening is...

We go to a party with a lot of our friends. Joy talks to some friends, and goes home. I continue to mix and mingle,



have engaging conversations with people and then leave for home late in the night. Joy may, or may not, be up when I get home and that's O.K. We spent time together, ate well, met interesting people, and both had fun. We

figured out early in our relationship that she is an introvert and I'm an extrovert. We learned to take separate cars so that she doesn't have to stay late and become frustrated and I don't have to leave early and be frustrated. It's a win/win situation and a great evening.

We laugh the hardest when...

We sit around the table together for dinner. My job is to make our kids laugh so hard that they snort milk out their noses. Yes, it's silly. And every evening when we eat together there is an expectation to laugh and have fun.

*Joy & Kevin Decker have been married 10 years. They have 2 children and live in N.C.*

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