

Love NOTES

Katy couples share their secrets and tips for a happy and successful marriage

Written by Kirsten Cornell

We have all heard our share of marriage advice, such as, "don't go to bed angry," "don't sweat the small stuff," "say 'I love you'", "forgiveness is key," and so forth - but what about all those insider tips that years of marriage teach? We asked Katy couples to share their advice on love, marriage, children, and the funny moments that happen along the way.

James and Jennifer O'Leary

Married June 23, 2001

Safari Texas Ranch, Richmond, TX

Date Nights

We met on the dance floor at Garner State Park - so dancing under the stars is one of our favorite date nights.

Should Have Known

We wish someone would have told us that no matter how the food she makes tastes, eat it.

Deep Appreciation

Love has changed from being a passion for experiencing new things together, to a deep appreciation for what we bring to each other's lives.

Calming Presence

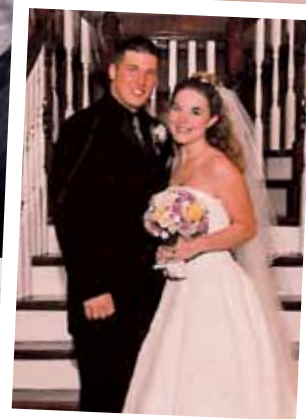
I have learned to appreciate James' ability to calm me or our children with his tone and sensitivity.

Key Advice

Our advice for newlyweds is to make each other laugh, fight for each other, and communicate.



James and Jennifer say their parents serve as their example of a devoted marriage



Dawson and Sara Ainsworth

Married May 22, 1999
Westlake Club, Houston, TX

Conversation Companion

Before we were even dating, I took Sara to breakfast. I felt like I could look and talk to this person for the rest of my life and be more than happy.

Becoming a Parent

I always knew I was in love with Dawson, but the day they put Jackson in my arms and Dawson cried tears of joy, I fell in love with him on a whole other level.

Romantic Getaways

We keep the romance alive by having a date night at least twice a month and go on a yearly trip as a couple.

Built-in Entertainment

Sara tends to be pretty clumsy; she has fallen out of a water taxi and slipped in a parking lot. It never gets old.

Love Everlasting

When we thought of love we thought about growing old together, but it just seemed like such a simple thing; now we know lasting love requires work and admiration.



Dawson and Sara have three children, Jackson, Blaire, and Garner

Tiffany and Dwight divide household responsibilities and aim to help each other



Dwight and Tiffany Gwin

Married July 20, 2002
Westminster UMC, Houston, TX

Meant to Be

We both knew early on that we would be together, even our parents knew.

Learning to Listen

Communication is the key to a good marriage - but it's not just about talking, you have to be a great listener.

Foundation of Trust

Don't keep secrets - your marriage is built on trust, and keeping secrets from each other will ruin that.

Partners in Parenting

Parenting our boys together has shown us how to work together as a team.

Love to Laugh

Dwight has brought out the "silly" side in me, and life is more fun when you learn to laugh at yourself.

Guy and Lesha Daniel

Married February 18, 1995
Second Baptist Church, Houston, TX

Get Creative

Cooking together helps us stay connected with each other; we get to be creative, talk about the day, and enjoy our creations.

Ups and Downs

The best thing about being married is having someone to share the good and the bad with every day.

Personal Chef

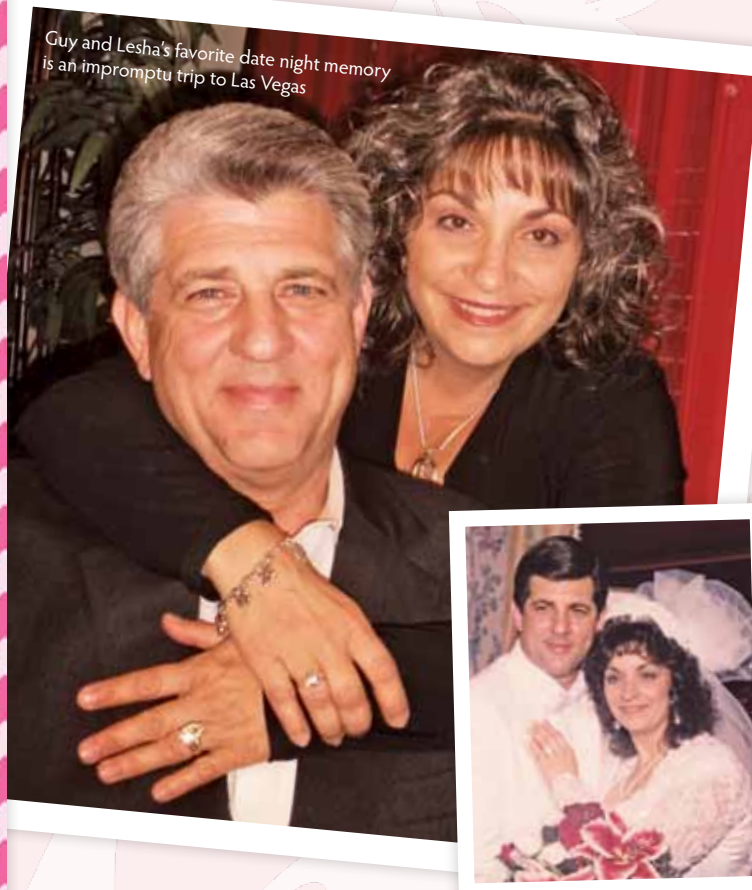
I wish that someone would have told me what an awesome cook Guy was and that I'd never be skinny again.

Switching It Up

Lesha hates change - so for kicks, I change things around the house every now and then.

Passing It On

To know that somehow, through our efforts of raising our children together, that the good in each of us will not end with us, continually fortifies the resolve in our marriage.



Guy and Lesha's favorite date night memory is an impromptu trip to Las Vegas

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Cale and Ashley are excited about their next adventure, adopting a child



Cale and Ashley Wenmohs

Married October 17, 2002
Carnival Cruise Ship, Galveston, TX

Falling in Love

We continue to have fun together and show each other those qualities that we each fell in love with.

Unexpected Habits

I found out that Cale can pop his toes continuously without using his hands, very annoying.

Recreational Companion

We love to ride bikes, camp, hunt, fish, and ride our four-wheeler together as a couple.

Surviving Trials

Our daughter was premature, so we encountered trials early on. We had to figure it out together, and although it was stressful at times, it brought us closer.

Get Some Rest

Our advice is to go to bed mad and talk later. You never know what might be said in the heat of the moment when you're exhausted.

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Ruben and Alvina Longoria

Married June 24, 1972
Bay City, TX

Christ-centered

A three-fold cord is not easily broken, so keep Christ in the center of your lives.

Growing Together

Ruben's mom would tell him marriage was going to be a change and we would have to learn to grow together and find each other's likes and dislikes.

Perfectly Imperfect

Ruben is very punctual and is still annoyed because I'm not time conscious.

Avid Travelers

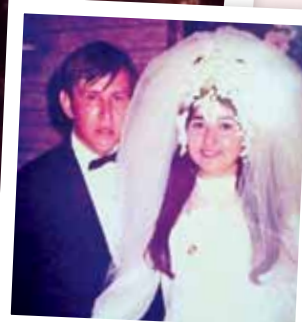
We love to travel together. It was not unusual for us to take weekend trips to Corpus Christi, San Antonio, or wherever.

Definition of Love

Our definition of love has changed in that we have a deeper selfless love, respect, honor, and appreciation of each other.



Ruben and Alvina's greatest joys are their four children and five grandchildren



Joey and Dara are always at their daughters' cheer competitions, even on Super Bowl Sunday

Joey and Dara Broussard

Married July 18, 1998
First Baptist Church, Katy, TX

Worth the Effort

We wish someone would have told us that marriage takes work; it is not something that just happens naturally.

Dancing Through Life

Our favorite date nights are when we go dancing; that was our favorite thing to do when we were dating, so it brings back memories.

Stacks of Love

When Joey "cleans up" an area, he stacks things on top of each other. It drives me crazy, but I have learned to love the fact that he helps out so if stacking it is, then stacking it will be.

Helping Others

I appreciate that Dara is willing to help others; she will always do something for others before she does anything for herself.

Be Supportive

Our advice is to always be your spouse's number one fan.



Warren and Faith Evans

Married November 27, 1993

First Baptist Church of Satsuma, Satsuma, AL

Time to Connect

We enjoy traveling together, which gives us time to catch up on our lives and helps keep us close.

Sharing Your Life

The best part about being married is having someone to share your life with.

Make Time

Even if you feel you are too busy, it's important to schedule time for just the two of you.

Best Friends

As years pass, you learn that you not only love this person, but that they have become your best friend.

Finding Humor

Try to find humor in the situation and never be afraid to laugh at yourself.



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John and Sonia Lopez

Married April 10, 1999
Church of Christ, Houston, TX

Prince Charming

I knew from the top of my head to the bottom of my soles, John was "the one," and he still is.

Stronger Together

Trust in yourself and your spouse that no matter what happens, together anything can be accomplished.

The Small Stuff

Don't let the daily hassles of life bring you down, tomorrow is another day.

Handy Husband

John is such a handyman. Whatever I envision, he can build.

Tips for Success

Marriage takes work - picking your battles, letting the small stuff go, being considerate, and learning to grow with your spouse.



Sonia and John have learned that true love comes without ultimatums



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Katie describes John as funny, outgoing, and adventurous



John and Katie Poland

Married June 7, 2003

Katy First United Methodist Church, Katy, TX

Appreciate Life

Remember why you fell in love in the first place and appreciate the funny things that happen in life, these often create the best memories.

Facing Reality

We wish someone would have told us that the "honeymoon" stage doesn't last forever and that we had to face the real world as a couple.

Undivided Attention

We try to set aside time that is just for us, kid-less and with minimal distractions.

Adding Some Spice

I learned early on that John puts hot sauce on everything, before he even takes a bite of the food I spent hours preparing.

Lifetime Partner

Over the past 10 years we have gone through trials and tribulations, and we can't imagine going through this life with anyone else.

More Advice from the Experts

- ♥ Be willing to compromise
- ♥ Respect your spouse
- ♥ Have realistic expectations
- ♥ Don't speak ill of your spouse
- ♥ Forgive each other

Whether you're just starting out, or about to celebrate your golden anniversary, all of our couples agree that marriage is not a 50/50 deal – both partners have to be in it 100%. Treasure your spouse, celebrate the small moments, and above all, enjoy the exciting journey that you are traveling on together. **KM**



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