

## Making the marriage milestone

Lois and Joe Teague

Jacksonville, TX.- Marriage can be the thread that holds together happy families and balanced communities. For many people their marriage is one beautiful journey that not only brings a sense of joy and fulfillment to them, but to their family and friends. One such couple is Lois and Joe Teague. Lois and Joe reached the marriage milestone of forty-two years on May 22nd.

How did they meet? What were the circumstances?

Both attended Jarvis Christian College in Hawkins, Texas. They were members of the fifty member choral group and were in rehearsal. Everybody was talking, singing and having a good time. The atmosphere was great! The Freshmen, who thought they were exceptionally talented, had decided to not talk to the upper classmen. Lois, a freshman, was sitting in the soprano section. Joe, a sophomore, passed her on his way to the tenor section. She stuck out her foot to keep him from passing. He smiled and gave her a look. The next day, determined to get a conversation out of him, she stuck out her foot again to prevent his passing. This time he looked at her and said, "Excuse me please." She moved her foot slightly and said, "Well you can't pass."

That little encounter in choir rehearsal led to three years of dating. Soon after Joe graduated from Jarvis, he gave a concert. His family was unable to attend. Lois and her five roommates sat on the front row to give him support. Looking back now, she felt then that the relationship was headed toward marriage. He said, "It was love at first sight."

Upon graduating from Jarvis, Joe went into the US Army. When he returned from basic training, he took Lois out to dinner in Longview. When she got out of the car, he helped her get into her coat. She smiled and said, "He was such a little gentleman." He had the ring in his hand and tried to slip it on her ring finger as her hand came through the end of the sleeve. It didn't work out that way. Excited, she asked, "What are you doing?", and shook her hand. Well, the ring slipped off and rolled under the car. He retrieved the ring and they went inside. Once there, he asked her to marry him. She accepted. On May 22, 1965 Lois and Joe were married at Churchill CME Church, Jacksonville. The early years of their marriage were more than a great experience. They said, "We made a commitment for life. We tried to live with passion and purpose. We knew that marriage had responsibilities, if done well. It has

been the greatest pleasure and sense of fulfillment two people could ever experience." Lois said, "I married a musician and I knew that was his love, too. We both knew that we had to respect one another, so that was never a problem. We also decided that if we had problems, we had to talk it over with each other. Communication had to be an important event in our lives. We knew that God had to be the main source of our lives



before we accepted marriage to each other. We also decided that important decisions were to be made jointly."

Joe's first job as band director was Dangerfield, then Jacksonville, Crockett, Tyler and back to Jacksonville. Job and extended family is the reason they decided to make Jacksonville their home. She taught school in those same districts, all but Tyler. Lois said their kids were unplanned. They just came when the time was right. Regina was born in 1966, Rita 1968 and Reggie 1975. The Teague's say, "The highlight of our marriage has been the birth of our children, moving into a new home, birthdays, vacations, anniversaries, enjoying our wonderful friends and working with our church family." They're both busy people, always on the move. She volunteers in the community, including working on a Chamber Committee assisting with Tomato Fest, President of National Council of Negro Women and Musician at North Bolton Christian Church. She enjoys walking in the early mornings and learning to play new gospel and praise songs. Joe plays with the Tyler Big Band, East Texas Jazz Orchestra and Educators With An Attitude. He is President of North Side Community Center, Deacon and treasurer of North Bolton Street Christian Church. He enjoys riding his bicycle and practicing guitar early each morning. The Teague's can't believe forty-two years have passed, but there is an old saying that goes, "time flies when you're having fun!" -Written by Maxine Session

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