



Markwells Celebrate 60th Wedding Anniversary

We have much to celebrate this Easter season! It was 64 years ago this month that a certain St. Luke's couple laid eyes on each other for the first time. After four years of dating, they got married in 1960 and are now celebrating 60 years of wedded bliss today! We wish a Happy Anniversary to John and Ruth Markwell.

John F. Markwell was first introduced to the former Ruth E. Graff through a mutual friend at West Winfield School in the evening as Ruth was practicing for Easter Sunrise service in early April 1956. It was love at first sight for John as he saw Ruth come out of the school under the overhead light. He visited Ruth's home later for a few hours to get acquainted. John

said Ruth is one of nine children (six brothers and two sisters) and he was an only child, which took some getting used to as they started dating. They dated for four years through high school and while Ruth went into nurse's training.

After asking for her father's permission, John surprised Ruth one evening and asked her to marry him. "Earth Angel Will You Be Mine" was their song. They were married April 27, 1960 at Ruth's home with family and friends by the Rev. Donald K. Fetterly. They planned the wedding in front of the fireplace in the living room. Ruth's brothers took care of parking the cars as the guests arrived.

"Ruth was getting ready upstairs and looked absolutely beautiful coming down the stairs," John recalled. The weather cooperated and it was a beautiful, bright sunny evening. They left after dark and were held up a bit on the turnpike because of traffic but they reached their honeymoon destination at Natural Bridge, VA. Ruth still has her wedding gown.

John was honorably discharged from the US Air Force and worked at the US Steel plant in Saxonburg. The Markwells have three sons, a daughter, and four granddaughters.



Words of wisdom:

"Care very much for each other and live each day with love as your base."

Happy Anniversary