

WHAT EVERY BRIDE SHOULD KNOW...ABOUT WEDDING PICTURES!

After the wedding is over, the guests have gone, the cake eaten, the flowers wilted, the gown packed away ... and even the honeymoon beginning to fade a bit, what is left to bring back the memories of that most important day? ... Only your photographs!

What will you do if those most precious photographs happen to be a bunch of fuzzy snapshots, off center, out of focus, with people's heads cut off ... with important moments lost because the camera didn't work right, or the flash didn't go off, or the person taking the pictures didn't think about it? Chances are the person taking the pictures was a very well meaning friend or relative. This friend or relative certainly tried hard, no doubt, but just didn't have the proper equipment and know-how to do the job right. A professional photographer does ... it is his job and he gets paid to provide you with all the beautiful pictures you should have of your wedding.

As a professional, he can help in many ways to make your wedding run more smoothly. He can answer many of your questions and work with you to give you the very best coverage at the most reasonable price. Call him well in advance. Five months ahead is not too much ... as many weddings are booked a full year in advance. Reserve your date, plan the pictures, take care of all the little details that help to assure you of getting the 'memory album' of wedding photographs that will always keep that very special day fresh in your mind.

To avoid disappointment, stop in to see your professional photographer LYN JOLLEY PHOTOGRAPHY soon. Remember, there is only one chance to capture those priceless wedding pictures. These priceless pictures are 'forever'. Why take a chance with a 'once-in-a-while' photographer?



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Talking is crucial to adjustment

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"If the woman has her own money and the man does too, they have to make joint decisions about paying the rent, buying groceries, along with figuring out how much can be spent for other things.

"I had one woman come in complaining that her husband would spend the rent money on his motorcycle. Needless to say, that caused some problems."

Outside the volatile area of money, Ms. Abel said, balancing privacy, outside activities and

togetherness ranked high in causing discord in new marriages.

Couples have to have outside interests to keep growing as people, she said, but they also have to spend time together.

"The great secret is learning how to keep your individuality while you live as a couple. If you can do that, you're a jump ahead."

The way failures to do this show themselves are almost endless according to Ms. Abel. They range from shutting each other

out completely to suffocating each other by constant togetherness.

"The wife will come in and say that her husband comes home from work, pops open a beer and sits in front of the TV for the rest of the night."

"Or the husband will say that his wife is always out with her girlfriends instead of at home cooking and cleaning. It all boils down to communicating what each partner expects from the other and deciding what each is willing to give." —PAT TOUHEY

Fuel keeps fire going

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Dennis said a couple must have more in common than burned out light bulbs and who should cut the lawn. "You have to have something to share," he said.

"My wife has a full-time job, now that our children are grown and out of the house. Before that she was always busy doing charitable work and working on her degree. Believe me, when I ask her over dinner, 'What's new?' she has a lot to say."

The couple met in high school and were married two years later when Mrs. Dennis was 18 and he was 20. They had five children, two of whom died, one in infancy

and the other after an extended illness at age 14.

"Children both add and subtract from a marriage," Dennis said. "If the marriage is strong, children will enhance it."

As for adversity, Mrs. Dennis said the deaths of her two children made her see how frail and how uncertain life is. "I know when the first baby died I was only 21 years old and I grew up fast. But the extended illness of my daughter affected our entire family profoundly," she said.

"My husband and I had serious problems coping but we solved those problems by being able to lean on each other when

it was necessary."

Adversity, said Dennis, puts stress on the family unit. "But it's like making iron into steel - when you add extra ingredients, it becomes stronger."

"The whole family has to pull together and when they do, they come out bruised but better for the experience."

As far as love, Dennis said "if it was once there it never dies. Think of it as a universe with a nucleus. You have to keep the protons, electrons and neutrons floating in your universe. Those are all the little extras you bring to marriage that keep it alive and well." —SHIRLEE IDEN

Friendships can continue after you get married

So you're getting married. Congratulations, good luck and much happiness.

But after you walk down the aisle, say 'I do,' and join the coupled world, remember that you weren't always one of two.

Remember this particularly when dealing with your friend who just doled out \$50 on a wedding present because she is your friend, laid down another \$75 on a bridesmaid gown because you said she was your best friend and has spent five Sundays attending parties at which you got all the presents. She remains a person, and presumably a friend.

Although it is not a major problem, maintaining friendships with single people after you've become part of a team can be difficult. Indeed, there will be differences in lifestyles now. Probably, she won't be quite as excited as you are upon hearing that you've just acquired a new washer and dryer. Nor will she care as much as you if you're

unable to purchase you're 12th and final place setting of Lenox.

Still, as long as she doesn't become hard-core single, and you don't become hard-core married, the friendship can continue in spite of the changes.

But both of you should adhere to certain rules.

- She shouldn't ask you to fix her up with one of your husband's friends. Likewise, you shouldn't offer.

- Do not assume, because she talks to him, that she is making a pass at your husband. You love and married him, but he probably doesn't have the same appeal to her.

- You would be correct in assuming that your friends doesn't care a lot about your latest household purchases, like new sheets, or silverware. Mentioning it is fine, but going on for hours about your purchase is boring. Certainly, previous to your marriage you and your friend discussed other matters after, politics, careers. These subjects do not become non-subjects when 'I

do passes your lips. Your friend is still interested in them, surely you must be.

- Don't be hesitant to invite your friend to a dinner party consisting mostly of couples. Single people are perfectly capable of carrying on conversations with others, regardless of their marital status.

- Don't always leave your husband at home when you do something your friend ... unless your husband can't stand your friend. Otherwise, there's no reason why you, your friend, and your husband can't go to the movies, out to dinner, or whatever. Conversely, don't feel compelled to invite your friend to every outing "because she's single and has nothing to do."

Mostly, maintaining friendships after marriage involves everything it did before marriage. A mutual respect for each other, shared activities, exchange of ideas, can and should continue. Remember, friendships take a long time to establish and shouldn't end with a wedding ceremony.