

Informal Ceremony For Bev and Randy

Time for us some day
there'll be

When chains are torn
By courage born
Of a love that's free

"The words are meaningful to us. I feel they portray us," Randy said of the short wedding song from the movie "Romeo and Juliet."

Bev chose the song that will be sung preceding the traditional wedding march when she walks down the aisle at Timothy Lutheran Church, Randy's family church where Bev was baptized and became a member last spring.

The young couple have a strong affinity with their minister, Pastor George Fleisher, a gently relaxed man, at ease with the world, who commends the innovations in the church that are taking away from the formal rigidity of ceremony.

"I'd deliver them a Methodist or Presbyterian liturgy if they wanted it. I'd much rather hear 'Romeo and Juliet' sung for them than any of the traditional pieces as long as it means so much to them. Their own choice now becomes a musical prayer," he said.

His relaxed air of informality extends even to the pulpit.

"This is a free standing altar," he pointed out, "but where I stand is how I feel that day."

He believes formality started to melt away about ten years ago, and now innovations in the wedding ceremony have come to be the rule rather than the exception.

As Bev and Randy asked questions and offered some of their own thoughts, Pastor Fleisher's personal feelings for the couple came through. It was clear that he depended on this personal relationship for aiding in outlining the ceremony, then later admitted it was difficult for him to conceive of conducting any ceremony without knowing the people involved.

Throughout their conversation in planning the wedding, Pastor Fleisher was adamant on only one point. When Randy asked about taking pictures during the ceremony his pastor said, "We are conducting a worship service invoking God's blessing on two people." No pictures.



PASTOR GEORGE FLEISHER, relaxes on the altar rail at Timothy Lutheran Church, goes over some of the fine points that will take place when Bev and Randy are married in the Livonia church in November.



An Important Stop Before Going Down The Aisle

Beverly and Randy are making an important stop at AAA before taking their vows. Here they are assisted with their honeymoon travel plans and reservations, their homeowners' insurance on all their gifts and their car insurance. Mike Kinnay and Lorraine Jenkins check the details for them. Once again AAA helps lead the way!

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