

The Williams

David and Betty Williams

David and Betty met for the first time in the Carver Theatre in Orlando FL where they were introduced by Betty's sister Jackie. They didn't see each other very well that day because the theatre was dark. But the very next day David saw Betty in the light at Jones High School as she was pointed out by Jackie. David said he remembered saying, 'Wow, is that her?' He asked Jackie to introduce them face to face and she did. A connection was made and they both knew something was happening. Betty's thoughts were, 'Oh My God he's so cute', David's thoughts were, oh yes, without changing words he told his friend, 'This is going to be my wife.'

David was very shy and didn't have the nerve to ask Betty if she had a boyfriend, so he brought his friend Willie B as his spokesman (his Aaron) to speak for him. Willie B. asked Betty if she had a boyfriend, Betty wanted to know why he wanted to know. He said, because that boy over there (who was standing behind a tree peeking to see her reaction) likes you and wants to know. Betty told him to tell that boy, if he wants to know then he has to come and ask her himself. It took all of David's nerve but he did and The Saga of the life of David and Betty Williams began that very day.

They started dating when David was 15 and Betty was 14. They married two weeks after Betty turned 18 and have been married for 39 years. Their wedding date is January 30th. God blessed them with 1 son David Jr. and their beautiful Daughter in Love, Joeletta. They have been married for 7 years.

David Works for Pepsi Cola and has been there for 38 years. He has been a truck Driver for 35 of the 38 years at Pepsi. Betty worked 20 years for Orange County School Board where she retired and now works for Campus Crusade for Christ and has been there for 11 years.

Betty was called to the gospel ministry and has been serving in ministry for 29 years. Betty now serves as The Overseer of EBON Temple, The Church of God, Inc. David and Betty both members of EBON Temple under the leadership of Bishop Thomas S. Lee Jr., Presiding Prelate.

David and Betty are passionate about helping couples that are struggling in their marriage with practical and biblical insight and advice that will help enhance and help their marriage to grow and be strong.

The Lees

Reynolds and Toni Lee

RC and Toni Lee have been proudly married for 35 years. They were married by Bishop Henry Leonard on October 23, 1976, in Orlando, Florida at the home of Toni's parents (Bishop Josh and Lillie Leonard). RC was 23 and Toni was three days shy of 20. They have two sons. Sage Christopher, who has one daughter - the Lee's sweet granddaughter, Lyric Rene and Casey Raynard Lee.

The Lees were introduced through a mutual friend of ours at a local social club, The New York Times. RC said, when he shook Toni's hand he new they had a connection. Little did they know what they would have to endure to really be connected.

(...for this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.)

Their first big disagreement was caused because he wanted to move to Miami, Florida and pursue a career as a videographer for a local television station. Toni said you would think that she would have been happy but she wanted to stay in Orlando to be around family. Well, they separated for the first time. During their separation, Toni was invited to attend a Home Mission Service and accepted the Lord Jesus as her personal Savior. And by the way, she did eventually move to Miami with baby in tow. RC was saved nine years later and now serves as a Deacon with EBON Temple, Inc.

As they grew together in the Lord, they began to study and apply the biblical principles of marriage. Along with a little coaching from Toni's grandmother, (Sr. Mother Mamie Leonard), in their early years and through watching her mother (Lillie Leonard) love her father for over 50 years, today, they are enjoying the kind of fulfilling relationship God meant each marriage to be. They found that you can have complete peace and satisfaction in your marriage regardless of circumstances. God is no respecter of persons. His truth is for all who believe and trust Him by obeying His word. All you need is a teachable attitude and the willingness to let God work in your life. As you trust God and obey His Word, the Lees believe you will find, as they have, The Joy of Marriage.

The Johnsons

John and Cassandra Johnson

In the year 1977 Johnson and I met through some friends of John's cousin Henry.

During the picnic at Prospect Park, Cassandra drew her attention on John by throwing a cup of water on him. In response, he threw water back at her. Through that water exchange, they started dating.

They dated about two years, and then decided to get married. They married, April 13, 1979. They have been married now for thirty years. They have three children. Tisha Johnson is the oldest daughter from a previous relationship. Irene and Candra from our relationship together and five wonderful grandchildren.





The Hardemans

Alonzo and Elizabeth Hardeman

Al and I were married on April 16, 1994, at Carter Tabernacle in Orlando, Florida. We were married by his twin brother the late Bishop Alphonzo Hardeman.

Al and I often joke about our wedding date and our wedding anniversary date because neither one of us will ever forget it because it is the day after tax day each and every year.

Al and I also share another day very close to one another. We were both born in the same year a day apart. I was born on December 21st, and he was born on December 22nd. He always tells me that I 'm the older woman. It is always very funny when we both have to present our driver's license because, whoever looks at it always makes the comment that you and your husband must really be soul mates. We just look at each other because we both know God had this in his plan all along. We have been married for 17 years and as we grow stronger in the Lord so does our marriage. We don't always see eye to eye on things but we respect each other's opinion and feelings. So, no matter what, we always come to the decision that has to be made and we both live with it. We love to vacation together and always meet some interesting people. We love to cruise and see the different islands and how other people live. Al loves to try to get the best price for whatever we buy on the islands. In other words, he likes to haggle.

We are both very active and strong members of Miracle Tabernacle Church currently in the positions of Deacon and Deaconess.

We both love the Lord and hold our marriage sacred.

And God said it is not good that man should be alone: I will make him an help meet for him. Genesis 2:18. And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. Genesis 2:22 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman because she was taken out of Man. Genesis 2:23