

## The Corsales' Story

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Barbara Corsale grew up just like any other kid. She played with her friends, went to the park, and celebrated Christmas. As an adult she walked the aisle to start a new life with the man she loved, raised children, and is happily married and a proud mother of three. As common as this may sound there are things that separate Mrs. Corsale from her peers.

As every child grows up, holidays are always special, no matter what ethnic background they come from. Mrs. Corsale recalled when she was growing up that Christmas was always a memorable holiday in her family. Since there were eleven kids in the family there was not a lot of money to go around; gifts were small but meaningful. Every year she got, "an orange, an apple, a pear, and hard candy," just like the rest of the kids.

One distinct memory of both Mr. and Mrs. Corsale was their meeting and later on the wedding. It all started when Mr. Corsale's brother was dating one of Mrs. Corsale's sisters; they got to know each other and wrote back and forth a lot. Then they went on their first date to the movie theater around Easter in 1960. When I talked to Mr. Corsale he said, "I can still remember the umbrella Barbara was carrying with her."

On August 6, 1960 they decided that they would get married. Since Mr. Corsale was in the Navy, he wore his uniform to the wedding. Mrs. Corsale's sister sewed her wedding dress. This was one of the most memorable moments for both of them.

Fifteen months later, Mrs. Corsale had her first child, a boy named Stephen. When Stephen was two years old, along came another baby. Her name was Lisa; she was the first girl. Then, thirteen years after Lisa, the Corsales had their last child and second girl, Amy. Amy was raised pretty much as an only child, because when she was born her brother and sister were teenagers and eventually went off to college.

Now, many years later Stephen is an acupuncturist in Longmont and at the cancer center in Boulder. Amy started out as a journalist but is now an elementary school teacher in Texas. Lisa works in an ammunition plant and has a degree in Banking.

This year Mr. and Mrs. Corsale will be celebrating forty-eight years since they walked the aisle and started a new life together. They have made many memories that will last them forever.