

The Corsales

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Barbra and Steve Corsale have been married for almost forty-eight years now. They first met each other when their siblings introduced them to each other. The funny thing is that they wouldn't have even known each other if Mr. Corsale's brother, Alfred, hadn't been dating Mrs. Corsale's sister, Arleen. After seeing each other for the first time, Mr. Corsale finally built up enough nerves to call Mrs. Corsale and ask her on a date. His nerves paid off because she agreed to meet him in front of a movie theater. The one thing that he still remembers today about their first date was the blue umbrella that she was holding in her hands. Although it wasn't raining, Mrs. Corsale had brought the umbrella along just in case her date had tried anything.

After about four months of dating each other, it was time to take the next step in their relationship. On June 11, 1960, both Mr. and Mrs. Corsale gathered both of their families together to announce something very important to everyone they loved. They were engaged! They wanted to spend the rest of their lives together and that's exactly what they proposed to do. Mrs. Corsale told me, "I remember one of my younger brothers, who was six years old at the time, gave me a wooden rolling pin and told me that if Steve ever did anything bad, I was to hit him over the head with it. He had gotten the idea from a cartoon that he watched!" Their families were happy for them and they started to help plan the wedding.

They planned to get married on August 6 of that same year, 1960. They had two months to get everything ready so that they could be joined together in holy matrimony. Mrs. Corsale's sister, Helen, was helping with the wedding by making something special for her sister. She was the one to make the wedding dress that Mrs. Corsale was going to wear on one of the most memorable days of her life.

When the wedding day finally came, Mrs. Corsale walked down the aisle in her beautiful handmade dress. Mr. Corsale did not wear the usual tuxedo that most men wear today. He wore his white navy uniform to his wedding. That day was all about the Corsales joining their two families together into one family that could celebrate the good times in life. Sadly, the day after their wedding, Mr. Corsale had to suddenly leave to be on board a submarine to serve his country.

Although they had to part for a little while, their family had grown to two people. Fifteen months later was a big surprise. A new addition to the family had come into this world. It was their only boy in the soon to be family of five. They named him Stephen. Little did the Corsales know they would have another child soon. When Stephen was two years old, another addition to the family came. It was their first girl, named Lisa. She was the new baby in the family of four. Their last

daughter came when Stephen was fifteen and Lisa was thirteen. Their youngest and last child was named Amy.

Today, their children are off doing great things in the world. Their eldest, Stephen, is an acupuncturist and herbalist in his offices in Longmont and Boulder. He also works in the cancer center in Boulder. Their first daughter, Lisa, has a degree in banking and works for the government in an ammunition plant. Their youngest and last child, Amy, is a school teacher in Texas for gifted and talented elementary children.

Mr. and Mrs. Corsale have been married for 48 years of true happiness. They have expanded their family to five and joined two lucky families together. Today, the Corsales take care of each other and love each other with all of their hearts. They will love each other and their children until the end of time. This was their story of how love at first sight became true love, which radiates from them still today!