

Personal Profile: Lois Evans

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Back around 1940, a lady named Lois Evans was attending William Woods College. She was majoring in violin and was one of the top students of her class. After college, she began touring through the United States as a soloist. However, for Mrs. Evans it all started with a blind date on New Years Eve.

On this particular night, Mrs. Evans was in the mood for an exciting evening with friends. She met her date, Bert Evans, and they went out for a night on the town. In the instant she laid eyes on that man, she knew she was in love. Not just any sort of love, the kind that stays with you your whole life. That night was just the start of things for the two of them and they went on numerous dates afterwards.

Mr. Evans, being a boisterous and humorous man, was kind and caring as well. When they began living together he would be gracious enough to smoke in the laundry room so he wouldn't upset Mrs. Evans, who was a non-smoker. Also, after every meal she cooked, Mr. Evans would thank her and say it was the most delicious meals he had ever had. At the time, Mrs. Evans was playing the violin and was considered by many to be one of the leading violinists at the time. Mr. Evans supported her in this and many other endeavors that she would undertake. Mr. Evans was a handsome car salesman and brought in enough money to feed them. He was a secretive man where his faith and personal life were involved, but that seemed to bother Lois only a small amount.

Mr. Evans, who was an excellent romantic storyteller, told many fables about princes and their princesses. One night however, the story was different. As Mrs. Evans recalls, the story ended with Mr. Evans saying, "And then the Prince asked the Princess to marry him." Mrs. Evans then responded by saying, "And I guess the Princess said yes." When it finally came time for the young couple to marry, they decided to have a small, vaguely secretive wedding with only a few attendants. Then they were Mr. and Mrs. Evans.

For the next 57 years they were a happily married couple. Sadly, Mr. Evans passed away just 57 years after meeting Lois. Mrs. Evans recently celebrated her 90th birthday and still has a positive outlook on life. When she looks back on her life she can surely say that her everlasting love with Mr. Evans, was truly everlasting.