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Love at 50% Off - revisited

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"Don't Forget Your Sweetie on Valentine's Day"

I couldn't miss the sign in the store window yet I hoped that DH does forget. He understands my position – almost.

I know I'm in the minority in this and I've been thinking about how and why this is.

Last year I wrote:

This isn't a rant or even a complaint just a statement of fact. Each year I tell DH NOT to buy me candy for Valentine's Day. I don't need the chocolate and after nearly 50 years together, I don't need an official day for him to buy anything to verify that he loves me.

Note: I know that I'm a tiny minority in this view and I do not judge or criticize anyone who feels differently. In fact, I like seeing all the different ways people show their affection for that special person in their life and it's also a boost to the economy. I just don't need it myself.

DH & I have always agreed on one thing. We're very thrifty. So I expect I will receive candy anyway, but it will be at the 50% off sale today or tomorrow. In a week or so I may get another token of chocolate love at 75% off unless others with similar mindsets have already cleared the shelves. It's too bad the percent reduction is only in money not calories. Now that would be some gift!

This year I can add a family memory. After my Dad died suddenly at Christmastime 1997, Mom & I both attended a grief counseling group. As Valentine's Day approached, we were advised that the holiday would be difficult. Mom whispered to me "yes, it would be, if Dad had ever remembered it."

So yes, if your "sweetie" remembered you as you wanted, that's really nice, but if he didn't, it doesn't mean he doesn't love you.

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SUSANNAH31

I agree with you about candy. My husband and I exchange cards with beautiful sentiments. I send cards and gifts to my grandkids. It's never candy.

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IFDEEVARUNS2

The one thing I really missed when my ex left was the Valentine's Day box of Godiva chocolate. For me, it was a signal that he didn't think I was fat, because who would give a box of chocolate to someone who was fat? Yes, I know that's my mishegoss and I know where it comes from. Be that as it may, that box of chocolate meant a lot to me. Interesting how different we all are, right?

I like your idea of the 50% off applying to calories. There's got to be a way to make that happen.



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SUNSET09

It's like Christmas, as we don't need a "holiday" to show love or to express it. I believe in the day after shopping as well. whatever "holiday" it is as the message, sometimes is unspoken. "The

greatest of these is love!"

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on 50 years of



MERRYMARY42

great blog, we did do the cards, and a orchid, but I need the orchid, Happy Valentines Day



but I do know it is just for the commercial part of it, but fun, even for me

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ONEKIDSMOM

The most Valentine's Day fun for me was when the work place folks did those little cardboard elementary school valentines, instead of candy! So count me in your minority, too.

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PASTAFARIAN

Your "tiny minority" is not as tiny as you think. As with so all holidays, VD has become taken over for marketing purposes to the point of turning many people off.

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MARYJEANSL

The stores LOVE Valentine's Day because it's a huge bonanza for them. It was never very special to me...that is, until my son was born two days later. I consider him my very best Valentine's gift.

And yes, I'll probably pick up at least a little candy at 50% off...but not too much!

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LINDAKAY228

I totally agree with you!

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KANSASROSE67

I am LOL at your mom's comment! DH always brings me a box of candy...it's a tradition that he's done ever since we started dating and I don't want to take it away from him. But I would be happy with the 50% off candy and ecstatic with the 50% off calories candy, if only such a thing existed.

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PHOENIX1949

Give me a rosebush that will provide many cuttings for a long time.

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DR1939

We've never celebrated Valentine's Day either. Sometimes he has brought home a box of four candies and we share them.

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CD13758606

Sounds like my DH, best price on anything!



We have stooped to sending each other E-card greetings.

We do non-edible gifts for the kids! Tees, gift cards, etc.

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**MEADS BAY**

I agree the day is no big deal but we just have fun with it- I give DH and our daughter a tiny box of amazing chocolates and he gets me a mushy card or, sometimes, writes me a love note- not something he does regularly- and we're coming up on 50 years, too. We never forget it because my b-day is the day before!



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**WILSONWR**

Jackie and I always had the same philosophy - we were definitely in the minority. Having said that, today is still a rough day without her...

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**MISCHAKEO**

I agree with you. You do not need a special day to know that your husband loves you.

Have a good V day no matter what you do. My dad never celebrated Valentine's Day either. I think it is cute that your husband buys things at a good price!

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**KELLIEBEAN**

I am in the minority with you. I always thought of Valentine's day and sweetest day as fun days for young couples,

We are going out to dinner tonight only because a friend of DH's is singing at the restaurant DH works at.

DH is amazing to me every day of the year.

Thanks for sharing that story about the grief counseling meeting.

Happy weekend!

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**WATERMELLEN**

I love Valentine's Day but don't think of it primarily as a "romantic" event -- more along the lines of expressing my love for all of the loved and valued people in my life.

(Shopped yesterday for VDay gifts for DH and DD, neither gift traditional, both gifts that they really need and I noticed they need and can hardly wait to give them! Sent VDay cash infusion to DS who responded with a very loving and grateful phone call: he'd bought a shovel which he really needed!!!)

So: happy Valentine's Day to you!!



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**_LINDA**

Never having had a significant other the holiday doesn't have much meaning, but I don't like the over commercialization of any holiday.

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**MJREIMERS**

I'm with you! My husband thinks it's a Hallmark holiday, too. We always celebrate the day he proposed, which is February 13th. (13 is my lucky number.) I never could understand why someone would pay sooo much money on flowers that will die or candy.

Although, he did buy me 6 chocolate covered strawberries! We always give cards on the 13th and go to dinner.

I am thrifty, too! I always buy the stuffed animals after Valentine's day for Ted E. Bear Hollow. It's an organization that helps grieving kids by giving them a teddy bear. I also buy the candy, but just

a little. 

I guess there are more "of us" than previously thought. Let's hear it for the minority!!

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**FANGFACEKITTY**

I am in the minority with you. I have never cared to celebrate Hallmark holidays or measure a



relationship by what is or is not done on one specific non-meaningful day of the year.
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