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## 50 Years of "Maintenance"

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Patience , persistence & a little bit of luck.

That was my answer to the desk clerk who asked us how one stays married for 50 years.

We're celebrating the event back in NYC where it all began.

We wanted to walk the streets and visit the places that were important to us, especially this one



This was our first date June 2, 1963 at Rockaway Beach. We met the night before at a party. I was almost 16. He was 18

Here we are 54 years later



Lots of new construction on the boardwalk, but the beach and ocean are still the same.

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We walked a total of 8 miles together yesterday, including this spot



We're sitting on a guard rail on an overpass of the Belt Parkway in Queens. That's where Joe proposed we get married "when we finish college" I thought it was such a great idea I finished in 3 years and we married on June 3rd 1967

Patience and persistence. My response to the desk clerk is the same as my spark response when asked about reaching goal and maintaining weight loss.

A little bit of luck doesn't hurt either.

Note:

If Joe hadn't become the "stealth sparker" he never could have managed our 8 mile trek down memory lane. Hang in there younger sparkers! The program works and your future self will thank you

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**ITSAPROCESS**



Congratulations on such an endeavor, WOW. 🤗  
What an inspiration you both are. Thank you for sharing.  
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**YELLOW09RED**



You two happy then and now.



1461 days ago



**SPARKLE-IT**



Happy belated anniversary. My husband and I celebrate 44 yrs on 9 Jun. I would add love, being best friends and the graces of God to your list. It was great you were able to revisit the beginning together and congratulations.  
1462 days ago



**LAH1222**



Happy belated Anniversary! My husband and I will be celebrating our 41st anniversary next week. I agree that patience ,persistence, and commitment are the big things to make it work. The same as with weight loss.  
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**ADUCKWALL**



Happy belated anniversary! My husband and I celebrate 25 years this month, and I pray we are blessed enough to reach 50! That's a wonderful milestone.  
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**MRSFANCYLADY**



Ahhhhh!



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**LETSGOPLAY**



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**\_RAMONA**

Happy, Happy Anniversary! I love hearing stories of people who have managed to do marriage 'right'. You both look so happy, and I am inspired... especially by your comparison to the weight loss adventure!

Thank you for sharing!  
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**GMADONNA70**

Congratulations on your anniversary!! Hope you have many more to celebrate.

We will be celebrating our 53rd in July. We love being in the outdoors and staying active.

Have a wonderful life  
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**LAPPEROO**

Congratulations on your milestone! 50 years is quite an achievement. We're approaching our 46th and I agree with your post. Doing things together, talking--really talking each day are also important.

May you have many more anniversaries.  
Lapperoo  
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**GO\_ROSIE\_GO**

LOVE yalls story 😊  
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**SHARONKHARTER**

Congratulations on your long marriage and happiness!  
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**MJZHERE**

Persistence! I agree. For us, I would say God - only He could keep two people who are so opposite who have spent their entire marriage together almost constantly (we had a business together). Joe and I went back to our beginning last year for our 33rd. Fun remembering.  
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**CD17815051**

Happy anniversary!  
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**REENSKI**

Wonderful! Congratulations and Happy Anniversary.



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**50YEARSAWIFE**



Happy Anniversary and congrats on 50 years together. Not very many of us make it to that landmark. I was lucky enough to make it 51 years and 3 months before my husband

passed. Looks like a wonderful time with your hubby.  
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**PYNETREE**



Wow! Happy Anniversary! And  for sharing your story & pictures! 


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**CD5900706**



Wonderful!! Congratulations and thanks so much for sharing! We'll be married 33 years on


June 30th and are inspired by your example! 


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**JEANNETTE59**



 wishing you many more!

Thank you for sharing the two photos and your  story!  
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**BONDMANUS2002**





Congratulations  
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**CHAYOR73**



 what beautiful memories 

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**SHIMMERSPARK**



I was just born in 1967. I wish my parents had been as happy as you both look and stayed married. I really enjoyed reading your blog post.


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**CD16560690**



Just beautiful! Thanks for taking the time to share. 

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**SUSANNAH31**



Congratulations on your 50th anniversary!

You and Joe were in the same place that I was in 50 years ago.  
Rockaway Beach was a favorite destination.

My H and I will celebrate our 50th in September.  
I agree that it requires patience, persistence, and a little bit of luck.  
I might also add: Having shared values.



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**CANDYAPPLE15**



Very encouraging, as I start my 'spark' journey prepping for our own 24th anniversary back to the place where it all started.

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**SUSANYOUNGER**



wonderful  
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**BEBEOFNINE**  
Congratulations, that is amazing  
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**SKYDRAKE**  
Oh my golly. What a great anniversary. This gave me an awwwww moment and a big smile. Here's to strong, healthy, patient, persistent, lucky marriages. Blessings to you both.



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**JACKIESUEHALL**  
Happy 50th! This was my parents anniversary as well. They would have hit 50 as well. What a neat way to commemorate your 50 years together. Her is to another 50! Cheers!

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**AWONDERS59**  
Love this story!! Such an inspiration!

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**BECCA315**

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**ANNIEONLI**

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**BOWDIDDLE**  
Absolutely wonderful! What a great accomplishment....and an inspiration!  
Congratulations!

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**GINIEMIE**  
Congratulations on your 50th anniversary I am so glad for you and Joe. I'm also excited to see how you show us the links to making all things in life work....marriage, health, etc. I love how you went back to your roots to celebrate too.

God bless you both.



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**STAN\_ORLOWSKI**  
Congratulations, you both are very blessed.

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**GRATTECIELLA**  
Great! Happy golden anniversary and thanks for the inspiration!

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**NANCYPAT1**  
Have a fabulous and blessed trip and happy anniversary. My father and his second wife had 111 years of happy marriages behind them when they got married to each other in their eighties. My parents were married 54 years when my mother died. My stepmother was married 57 years when her first husband died. Fifty years is an awesome accomplishment and as you say, it takes a lot of maintenance.

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**CJ8014**  
Thank you for sharing your beautiful story!

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**TRAILTROTTER**  
Much awesomeness to you both. A really wonderful and sincere blog. Thanks for sharing.

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**CD4114015**



SO, glad when I see YOU on featured blog! Keep on writing more!  
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**QUARTERMASTER3**



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**MMEQUEEN**



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**BLPRETTYGIRL1**



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**LINDA!**



I have enjoyed your photos. What a lovely couple.  
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**BONIFIANT**



Thank you for sharing the pictures and memories. Your perspective on your marriage is really worth sharing. My husband and I are working on 58 years together. We were on the beach near Navy Pier in Chicago when he proposed. I was two months from graduating my nurses' training and he was finishing his sophomore year at Northwestern Medical school.

Patience, persistence, and commitment are really the answer. Fuzzy feelings come and go, but making a choice to love, stay committed, and practice patience and love are the key. Your comparison to committing to a health journey strikes me as very appropriate.

Have a great week.

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**SPEDED2**



Congratulations!!  
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**LESS\_IS\_MO**



SO awesome of you to share this! Congratulations! You both look terrific!  
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**AZMOMXTWO**



congrats to both of you  
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**CD17813163**



Congratulations and happy anniversary.  
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