

A Brief Note on 55 Years of Marriage

In April of 2021, we celebrated 55 years of being married to each other, a record that makes our 50 years birding as a couple seem tame. I owe all this to Linda. I once publicly maintained that it was easy being married to her because, “Everyone loves Linda.” On the ride home after that event, Linda pointed out two obvious exceptions to that rule that I will not elaborate upon.

Some of this has to be due to the various devices she has invented over the years to deal with me. The most prominent of these is the acronym MOTT, which stands for Most Of The Time, as in “I love you...MOTT.”

I decided this was inadequate and suggested VMOTT as a refinement. That stands for Vast Majority Of The Time. This resulted in the further modification to VMOTTBMNT, pronounced V-MOTT-B-Ment. This is fairly obvious. It means Vast Majority Of The Time, But Maybe Not Tonight.

Here we are at the Anniversary celebration in Mendocino County, after firing off the famous Ricci Rocket Potato Propeller and quaffing some of the local bubbly.



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