



Rev. and Mrs. Ell Price
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Ell, Lillie Price Celebrate Golden Anniversary

A love that time cannot change, only to deeper and make stronger its bond describes the love that is shared between Ell and Lillie Price who recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

has not only survived, but thrived because, "We've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord, trusting in His Holy Word; He has never failed us yet."

The couple renewed their wedding vows at China Grove AME Zion Church, the same church where they were first united in matrimony. Fifty years ago, Rev. I.C. Timms officiated the ceremony, but this time the service was officiated by Revs. Maxie L. Houston and Wardell Henderson.

Attired in a beautiful, beige satin and laced long sleeve dress with a matching headpiece, Mrs. Price carried a yellow and white bouquet. Rev. Price donned a beige tuxedo, cummerbund, and accessories.

Maid-of-honor for the wedding was the Prices' daughter, Cheryl Price. Rev. Price's brother, Samuel was the best man. Other bridal attendants were Charlotte Ann Freeman and Mildred Price. Nolley Freeman, Alfred Richards, and Rev. Lennie Williams were the groomsmen. Ushers were William Davis, James Mills, John Smith and Bob Davis.

Providing the music for the ceremony was Joyce Zimmerman and the Clement Memorial AME Zion Church choir. Other vocalists included Elfredia Witherspoon and Timothy Mills.

Allie Clark, a long-time friend of the Prices wrote "Golden Reflections" which was recited by Evelena M. Thompson.

Witnessing this once-in-a-lifetime occasion were friends and family including Mrs. Nellie Houston, Mrs. Leona Anderson, Rev. Charlie Price, Mrs. Gaila Price, Mr. Willie Richard, Mrs. Rosa Richard, Mrs. Eula Richard, Mrs. Carolyn Locke and the Prices' foster daughter.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the church fellowship hall. Ethel Neely made the three-tiered cake, Carolyn Ginyard designed and made all the floral arrangements, Mrs. Frankie White directed the occasion and her husband, Rev. J.T. White, pastor of Walls Memorial AME Zion Church did the videotaping.

And as if they had just been married yesterday, Mrs. Price remembers that she and her husband started out on a solid foundation. Both recalled the hard times as well as the good times. "We had to pinch pennies to make ends meet, but there were the exciting times of securing their first non-farm related jobs and of beginning a family and providing a home for that family."

In an age where divorce runs rampant, Mr. and Mrs. Price both stated that their marriage

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Marital Therapy Takes Time, Energy And Money

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Durham, NC - Why invest considerable time and money and subject yourself to the painful exposure of intense feelings to save your marriage?

People considering marital therapy need to answer these important and complicated questions before taking the plunge, according to Linda Rubin, a clinical associate in the Department of Psychiatry at Duke University Medical Center.

"Like most important commitments, there's no guarantee of outcome and no simple answer to the question, 'Why bother?' that will apply to everyone who considers marital and family therapy.

Before starting marital therapy, both partners must be ready to devote the necessary time, energy and money--without any assurances of success.

"In addition to believing that their marriage is important, each partner must be willing to look at themselves, their personal history and their relationship to one another," Rubin said.

"In my experience, patients rarely commit to treatment if the marriage is already over for one or both of them," she added. "Attempting treatment without mutual agreements does not work.

Some couples adopt the passive--and unrealistic--attitude that once they are in therapy, the marriage will work. The purpose of

marital therapy is not to keep the marriage together, but instead to help couples understand one another, clarify their own needs, wishes, thoughts and feelings, and identify which traits in each other meet their needs and which do not," Rubin noted.

"They must then negotiate," she continued. "The therapist helps the couple with these issues, but the marriage belongs to the couple, and the decision to remain married or to divorce also belongs to the couple."

Another common misconception is that one partner is to blame for all the marital problems, and that the therapist will help the "well" spouse straighten out the "sick" one. "Marriages are complicated, and it takes two to make the relationship what it is. The experienced therapist will insist the

couple share the responsibility for sorting out the dissatisfaction and making the necessary changes."

"There is no single formula for a successful marriage," Rubin added. "Much is decided by the mate we choose. With a divorce rate suggesting that half the marriages in the country fail to bring about enough emotional satisfaction to continue, it follows that attempts to rectify the discontent can be useful.

"Marital therapy can help couples examine their lives as individuals and as a couple, resolving misunderstandings and tensions in the process," she maintained. "Approaching therapy with a hopeful attitude, motivated by a genuine desire to make changes necessary to resolve the difficulty, will go a long way toward negotiating a contract that will satisfy a couple's most important individual and marital needs."



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