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# Happy 10th Wedding Anniversary to Cliff and Me!!

Cliff and I celebrated out 10th wedding anniversary last night. We went to go out to dinner and celebrate our anniversary. Our favorite restaurant that is "our spot" is Benihana's. Our Sweet Sasha babysat our girls and we left the house at about 8pm. We first went to Fry's Electronics to pick out our anniversary present. We purchased a new 2-line phone system for our house. It is awesome!! Then at about 9:15pm we cruised over to Benihana's. The moon was full, bright and gorgeous. As we approached the restaurant, we noticed there were no cars in the parking lot. We drove into the parking lot and we were shocked and disappointed to see a wire fence wrapped around the whole property. It looked like a huge construction site. My heart sank into my feet. This was "our special place". So then we decided we would go have dinner at BStuart Anderson's lack Angus. We arrived there at about 10pm. We got out of the car and we were met at the door with some stunning news that they changed their hours. The closed at 10pm on Friday nights. What steak house closes that early on a Friday night? We get in our car and I call my girlfriend who owns the best sushi Japanese restaurant in town. She had a slow night so she closed at 10pm. Well, 3 strikes and we were out!! We didn't get to go to dinner and to be truthful, we were so tired by 10:30pm, we just wanted to go home. So we got home and relieved the babysitter. We snuggled in bed together and watched Sam I Am. What a fanstastic movie that was. I cried my eyes out.

So here is a little history of our Big Day:

We got married in a beautiful New England Chapel in Poultney, VT on September 19, 1998. It was Cliff's dream to get married in the church he grew up in. So it was so wonderful for me to plan our special wedding and make his dreamcome true. My childhood best friend, Deidre, was my Maid of Honor. Cliff's close friend and mentor, Bart, was his Best Man. Lauren was our flower girl. My mom was my only relative who came out for the wedding. No one gave me away at my wedding. It was a very beautiful and traditional wedding. I had the wedding march going down the isle and we had Pachel Canon playing at the end of our wedding ceremony when we walked down the isle from the alter. We had a flutist and a pianist play the music. The church bells rung announcing the confirmation of our wedding. What an incredible memory....

Cliff also had a dream of staying at the Lake St. Catherine Inn. When he was a boy, he remembered all of the well-to-do folks stayed at The Lake St. Catherine Inn. He hoped one day he would be able to stay there. So, I made his dream become a reality. We had our honeymoon at Lake St. Catherine. We rented a beautiful lake-front cottage. Our honeymoon was almost 2 weeks. We rented a few rooms before our wedding and my mom, Deidre and I stayed in one room. Cliff and Lauren stayed in another room. We had our Wedding Rehearsal Dinner at The Lodge at the Lake St. Catherine Inn. It was such a beautiful place.

I am so proud that we have made such a beautiful and productive life together. We can't imagine life without each other. We are true partners, best friends and love each other to pieces. Our lives are stressful and we are constantly working on making things better for

ourselves as well as for our relationship.

We both have grown and learned so much in the 10 years we have been married. We have learned that compromise and mutual respect are vital keys to make our relationship last. "Sensitivity Lessons" are always in session in our relationship :-)

We are both looking forward to celebrating another 10 more years for our 20th Wedding Anniversary. We respect our wedding vows and take them very seriously.

I love you with all of my heart, Clifford Charles Jones. I am so proud to be your wife and for you to be my husband. Thank you for loving me and giving me the wonderful life we have. Thank you for loving me so much and giving my the GREATEST gift of all - our 4 daughters. I am so Blessed by God to have you in my heart. We are soul mates and will continue our journey in Heaven one day together. That is what marriage is all about.....

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