

CONGRATULATIONS SHARON & LANCE
 WE'VE ALL FINALLY MADE IT HERE TO-DAY

IT'S BEEN A LOT OF WORK FOR
 MANY OF US IN GETTING YOU TWO
 TOGETHER. PERHAPS WE COULD TAKE
 A MINUTE HERE FOR ANY OF THESE
 WHO WISH TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR
 MATCHMAKING THIS COUPLE TO STAND UP
 AND BE RECOGNIZED.

I SEE - NO ONE WISHES TO TAKE
 ANY RESPONSIBILITY. JUDY RENE - I
 THINK YOU ARE BEING VERY ~~DETERMINED~~^{MODEST}
 WITH YOURSELF. I THINK YOU SHOULD
 STAND-UP.

YOU HAVE TO ADMIT, SHARON, THAT
 THIS RELATIONSHIP DID TAKE A BIT
 OF COAXING.

YOUR SHYNESS SHARON IS LEGENDARY.
 DO YOU REMEMBER THE FIRST SUMMER
 YOU STAYED WITH US? YOU WERE SO
 SHY THAT YOU BECAME DEHYDRATED
 BECAUSE YOU WERE AFRAID TO ASK
 FOR A DRINK! THAT WAS THE SUMMER
 YOU WANTED TO MILK THE BABIES.

THOSE MEMORIES AT THE LAKE WON'T
 SOON BE FORGOTTEN. FOR INSTANCE,
 EMPTYING THE KUMBA POT IN THE SEPTIC
 TANK AT THE WRONG TIME; -

THE DAY YOU WERE UNDER ATTACK BY A RIOT OF FISH FILLETS - WHEN YOU OPENED THE FRIDGE DOOR.

AS A VERY CARING, SHARING PERSON, YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN WILLING TO BRING HOME ALMOST ANYTHING - A COIN, THE FLU OR LANCE - NOT NECESSARILY IN THAT ORDER.

DO YOU REMEMBER YOUR FIRST DATE I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU GOT UP THE COURAGE TO CALL LANCE. AFTER ALL YOU HAD ONLY BEEN WAITING 3 WEEKS FOR HIM TO CALL YOU. I DON'T THINK CAROL & I GOT TO ANSWER THE PHONE ONCE DURING THAT 3 WEEK PERIOD.

I'LL NEVER FORGET THE SEEMINGLY ENDLESS CONVERSATIONS AT THE FOOT OF OUR BED AS YOU WOULD GIVE A BLOW BY BLOW ACCOUNT OF THE EVENING WITH LANCE. THE NITE LANCE TOLD YOU THAT HE LOVED YOU - I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER LEAVE THAT ~~THE~~ ROOM.

I'VE ALSO BEEN ABLE TO SHARE IN YOUR COOKING THESE PAST TWO SUMMERS, ALTERNATING BETWEEN KRAFT DINNER AND RACON & SEES. SHOWED YOUR CREATIVE SIDE. FOR LANCE'S SAKE I ENCOURAGE YOU

TO STRETCH YOUR IMAGINATION OUT
JUST A BIT MORE.

WE HAVE SHARED A LOT OF GOOD
TIMES - I NOTICED HOWEVER THAT WE
DIDN'T SHARE A LOT OF PHONE BILLS.

WE SHARED THE EXCITEMENT WITH
YOU OF LANCE'S BIG PURCHASE OF HIS
FIRST SWATHER. THIS WAS BEFORE YOU
KNEW WHAT A SWATHER WAS. WE ALSO
SHARED YOUR CONCERN THAT LATE DAMP
SUNDAY EVENING WHEN YOU PHONED LANCE
TO REMIND HIM TO LOOSEN OFF THE
SWATHER CANVASSES.

THERE WERE SOME GOOD PIG JOKES.
THERE WAS SOME GREAT, NEW FARM
TERMINOLOGY - REMEMBER THE WEEK-END
LANCE WAS BUSY "FLUFFING THE LAND."

YOU KNOW OF COURSE THAT YOUR
NEW FATHER-IN-LAW COULD HARDLY WAIT
FOR THIS DAY TO COME. DAVE IS
QUITE A ROADSIDE FARMER AND SOME OF
THE NEIGHBORS HAVE BEEN GIVING HIM A
BAD TIME OVER SOME OF THE
CUMULATIVE TRACES BEING LEFT IN
THE SUMMERFALLOW BY YOU & LANCE.
IT'S TOUGH TO KEEP STRAIGHT LINES WHEN YOUR
EYES, HANDS & MINDS ARE WAVERING

Watching you grow & mature
over the past 5 years has been
fun. I am very proud to know you
for who you are and what you are.
I wish your father could be here
to-day. I know that he would
see in you all the qualities that
all fathers wish for in their
daughters. As parents, we all try
to set examples for our children
to follow. Our children are
watching us live — and what we
are shows louder than any lectures
we may give them.

Getting to know you Sharon
has made it very obvious to me
that the effort of example shown
by your mother and father has not
been wasted.

I only have to share one more
thing with you. A bit of advice for
you & Lance and your new home. Not
only is the timing right for this
advice, but it would be also rather
rude of you to get up and leave.

The other wife, Carol & I
heard a pastor from the States
talking about the three preconditions
he places on young couples starting
out their life together.

HE CALLED THEM THE 3-C'S TO
A SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE.

FIRSTLY - HE ASKS THEM TO ESTABLISH
A CHRIST CENTERED HOME.

SECONDLY - HE INSISTS THAT A
PRE-ESTABLISHED COMMUNICATION SYSTEM WITHIN
THE MARRIAGE BE SET UP.

THIRDLY - THAT A TRUE COMMITMENT
TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER FOR THE REST
OF THEIR LIVES.

THOSE THREE C'S, CHRIST, COMMUNICATION
AND COMMITMENT ARE THE GIFTS AND
THE SKILLS WHICH THOSE WHO LOVE YOU
WOULD HAVE YOU TAKE INTO YOUR NEW
HOME.

LADIES & GENTLEMEN LET US RAISE OUR
GLASSES ~~TO~~ TO TOAST THIS
BEAUTIFUL BRIDE.