

Diane and John Noll**Q: How did you meet?**

A: “We both attended Hamlin University, and I took Physics for Poets as my hardest class, and he took it as his easy class. He offered to be up front in the class to assist the teacher on a project that the teacher was presenting, and I thought he was the best-looking guy I had ever seen, and I was instantly smitten, and I counted what seat he was in. So the next day I got there super early, and I sat in the chair next to his chair, and when he sat down, he was laughing. He knew what I was doing. So that was how we met. Then I asked him out first. It was the first time I’d ever done that because my girlfriend was getting married and I didn’t have a date. So he went



to that. And my mother said, ‘Well, what’s he like?’ And I said, I don’t know. And she said, ‘Is he tall?’ And I said, ‘I don’t know, we’re always sitting!’ He played basketball for Hamlin. So when he came to the door, my mother said, ‘You couldn’t tell he was that tall?’ But anyway, we’ve been married since 1981, and we dated seven years before that.”

Q: Do you do anything special for Valentine's day?

A: “Usually on our anniversary we’ll be sitting at McDonald’s and go ‘this is our anniversary, we forgot again!’ So no, we usually don’t do anything special, but every day is special.”

Whitney and Jesse Nickols**Q: When did you meet?**

A: “We met in 2023. We got married in 2024.”

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A: “We met through his brother, and I was friends with his sister-in-law in Pittsburgh. Then I moved to Colorado, and they invited me out here to Minnesota for the Minnesota State Fair. We thought it was a setup, but everybody claims it wasn’t. We spent the few days at the fair over Labor Day weekend, and we talked a lot. And then his sister-in-law claimed that I was following him around like a puppy, and I said, ‘No.’ So I stopped hanging out with him, and then he



proceeded to follow me through the Christmas tree section of the Agriculture Building at the fair. So then, after that weekend, he didn’t say anything to me, like we should talk, we should do whatever. He didn’t even touch me. And then, before I left, he gave me a hug and kind of rubbed my back, and he gave me a handshake...”

“With my phone number.”

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“Didn’t want the parents noising around.”

“Then, a week later, I flew back out, and the rest is history.”

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