

HOW WE MET - Hal and Anne Campbell

ANNE: We were in high school at the time and if you asked Hal how we met, he would say it was a blind date. Well, that's not exactly true. It was for him, but I knew who he was. He was two grades ahead of me, popular, played on our athletic teams, active on campus, etc. and ... well, cute. You get the picture.



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My friend and neighbor, Eddie, was an avid photographer who took pictures for his own pleasure, as well as photos of high school sporting events for the local newspaper. He called me one Sunday afternoon and said, “I have someone here that wants to meet you”. “Oh, and who may that be?” I asked. He said “Hal Campbell. He's right here now looking at pictures of our Friday night football game and some photos of you happened to get in the mix. So, how about calling your friend Nancy and the four of us go out for a coke and hamburger!” I asked "Why doesn't he speak for himself?" Hal must have been on the extension as he asked: “Well, what do you say?” I was surprised because dating someone younger was frowned upon in his "in" group.

I said 'okay, but I would have to get back to him if Nancy could go'. What I really had to do was get permission as I wasn't allowed to go out on school nights, and Sunday was considered a school night.

We did go out that night, and it turned out to be a fun evening for both of us but alas, it was not the beginning of the classic, love-at-first-sight high school romance. We continued to date occasionally but he left for Clemson and I had two more years of high school. As time went by we continued to date when he came home for holidays, I attended some of his college proms, and he would attend mine although both of us were seeing other people. It was seven years before we walked down the aisle. The beautiful years after we married would be much more interesting copy than how we met!

HAL - Anne is correct. It was a blind date in that I didn't know her, but after seeing the pictures it was far from blind. Eddie informed me that the photos were for the class beauty contest. She lived across the street from Eddie, but he couldn't believe that I hadn't seen the cute blond in the 10th grade. She was on the Junior Cheer Leading Team and active in school activities. "Would you like to meet her?" he asked. I replied, "Well, yes but isn't she young?" I was willing to take the chance - she did look great in that bathing suit! On that first date Anne was bright, cheerful, self-assured and easy to talk to, all of which appealed to me. From the beginning I think we both felt there was a connection but knew college was ahead, and neither one of us was interested in "going steady". We just celebrated 61 spectacular years of marriage. We owe it all to Eddie and the pictures of a cute blonde in the bathing suit!

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