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WHEN LIGHTNING STRIKES!



Raymond, member 1555-01 and his beautiful bride, Darlene, member 3046-03, at their July 10, 2004 Wedding Reception.

When Darlene called us the first time, she was doubtful about what we could actually do for her.

Darlene is handy with a computer, and she had tried other computer-based singles groups before calling us. However, her experience with the other groups did nothing more than make her skeptical of all singles groups.

Darlene quoted a statistic that she had heard: ***"...a woman of my age has a better chance of getting struck by lightning than she has of finding a partner for marriage!"***

I told Darlene that I had heard that same statistic, but, that her chances in our group were better than

that statistic (*of unknown origin*) would indicate.

Darlene was impressed that we had a membership guarantee on all membership levels. So, on October 28, 2003, she decided to join at the FULL level and to upgrade later when she would be financially better able to do so.

I warned Darlene not to have unreasonable expectations. I told her that for some it may take years of searching and studying profiles before they find the right partner. But neither Darlene nor I knew what God had in store for her ...and no one could have predicted what would happen in just the next ten days.

Darlene had decided to maintain her membership in a computer-based group as well as being a member of our group, just in case things did not work out in our group.

But that was when *"God spoke to her"* ...so to speak.

Lightning not only struck her home, but it completely fried her computer! Darlene's insurance company declared her computer system a total loss. Fortunately, membership in CSI does not require the use of a computer.

When her insurance company paid her claim, Darlene used part of the insurance money to pay off her membership and to select her soon-to-be husband, Raymond. That was on November 6, 2003, JUST NINE DAYS after joining our group!

The *"Hand of God"* was also visible on Raymond's side of the equation.

Raymond's daughter had actually gotten the membership for him, and it was a matter of timing, i.e., going between ACTIVE and Inactive status that put Raymond on Darlene's list at the right time.

Raymond and Darlene were married on July 10, 2004 in a beautiful church ceremony, in

the presence of their many children and grandchildren.

The Hand-of-God, so visible in the case of Raymond and Darlene, is actually in everything that we do everyday. Sometimes we just can not see it so plainly.

Remember to keep all of our members in your prayers, knowing that there are between three and four thousand members of CSI who are keeping you in their prayers.

We wish Raymond and Darlene a happy life together.

REMARKS ABOUT PHOTOGRAPHS



"You only get one chance to make a first impression." That old saying was never as true as when applied to our members who are looking at Profile Print-Outs. A good photo, or better yet, two good photos, can

literally change your life. Here are some tips:

1. Any photo is better than no photo, but one with a nice smile or expression is best.
2. Photos need not be of the expensive type ...good snapshots work as well as professional portraits.
3. We can scan just that portion of the photograph that you want us to use.
4. If submitting two photos, choose different settings, and wear different clothing in each photo.
5. The more recent the photo, the better. Please do not submit photos that are more than two years old.

