

MOM AND DAD'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

JUNE 10, 2010

William Allen Zulker and Isabel Claire Cox Zulker

*The following is a report that Beverly wrote after the 60th Wedding Anniversary.
Some of it has been revised, and photos added.*

Mom and Dad's 60th wedding anniversary - June 10th, 2010. Beth, Barb and Bev decided to "retrace" the days of Mom and Dad's wedding and honeymoon. Mom and Dad were told in February to hold the days of June 4-5-6, no questions asked - they would be told more details as the time approached. Many questions were asked of all the grandchildren and children in the days leading up to June. Mom and Dad were quite disappointed at not cracking anyone's confidence - they knew NOTHING! So on Tuesday June 1st the three girls got on the phone to Mom and Dad and told them to pack a bag as if they were going away for three or four days, including church clothes, and they would be picked up on Friday morning around 9:00 am. NO MORE DETAILS will be given and ASK NO MORE QUESTIONS! Obviously they kept at it with the grandchildren... Still no one caved! (good kids!)

Unbeknownst to Mom and Dad, Barbara flew from Cape Cod to Philadelphia on Wednesday afternoon, was picked up by Beverly, and stayed in Wallingford overnight. Then on Thursday morning Beverly and Barb drove from Wallingford and met Beth at the Coventry Mall where they shopped for a few hours and had lunch together. Then Beth went on home to Richland, and Barb went back to Beverly's overnight.

On **Friday morning, June 4**, Beth picked Mom and Dad up at their house in Beth's van and drove to Wayne, still with Mom and Dad knowing nothing of where they were going. Barb and Beverly had driven to Wayne. Barb went to the train station in Wayne to hide and wait. Beverly went to the store in Wayne to wait. When Mom, Dad and Beth pulled up to the store we put Beverly's bags in Beth's van and started to drive away with Mom and Dad still peppering us with questions. We drove around the block and to the Wayne Train Station and got out of the car as Barbara appeared from behind the building much to M & D's surprise.



Barb, Mom, Dad, Beth, Bev

They couldn't believe she was there! At this point they told us that they had thought we were going to go to Cape Cod, so that was wrong..."SO WHERE ARE WE GOING THEN???" We all got in the van and went to the Bagel Factory in Wayne for coffee and bagels. Then we got in the car and started driving South on the Blue Route. As we would pass different exits M & D would say things like, I guess we aren't going to Wallingford....I guess we aren't going to Philadelphia....I guess we aren't going to the Jersey Shore.... North on 95 we went, into New Jersey. We went to West Trenton, to the Presbyterian Church where their wedding had been held 60 years before.



West Trenton Presbyterian Church

We drove through the "old neighborhood" and got out at the church, with M & D saying...we are going in??? REALLY??? The girls had called the sexton and asked that the church be opened to us that afternoon.



We all stood in the sanctuary (it was VERY hot) and walked around a little, into the basement where M & D recalled church socials and other events. Then we went to the all purpose room (it was the coolest place we could think of) and sat together and ate lunch that we had brought from John's Market. After leaving the church we drove around the neighborhood looking at Mom's childhood home on West Upper Ferry Rd. and other homes M & D remembered friends and family living when they were growing up.



Mom's Home - W. Upper Ferry Rd. West Trenton



Dad's Home - 121 Park Ave. Trenton

Heading out of the neighborhood onto the airport road and coming to the Marriot Courtyard Dad said, “are we staying here?” Never thinking we girls would say YES! Dad went to the front desk and asked the girl, “is there really a room in my name???”

We went to room 511, and upon entering M & D found a beautiful floral arrangement and a lovely fruit basket the girls had ordered for them. The girls went across the hall to room 510 and we all had a two-hour shutdown - nap time. We met in the lobby at 5:45 and drove back to the street of the church to Freddie's Tavern. The girls had made a reservation for the five of us, thinking M & D would remember going there when they were younger, as the restaurant has been in operation since the 1930's. Much to the girl's surprise, M & D had never been in the restaurant because their family's could not afford it back then. We had a wonderful waitress named Stephanie and had a delicious dinner followed by a little cake with sparklers on it after we told Stephanie the reason for our visit.



Barb. Dad, Bev. Mom, Beth



Irma Urbano, Dad, Mom, Freddie Urbano

On our way out we met “Freddy” the son of the original owner. Mom stood and talked with him asking him about people she had known in the neighborhood and people they'd gone to school with. The name Irma Urbano came up - Mom saying they had been in the same class. Freddie said, Oh, Irma - his sister - is upstairs; she works here every day, but she is resting now. You just HAVE to come back and see her before you go home! The host Simon took our pictures outside before we left, asking us to please come back.

We then went over to the West Trenton train station where M & D said they'd taken the train to New York City after their wedding. We went back to the hotel, sat in the lobby, watched the Flyers game, talked, and Dad took a swim. To bed around 10:00.



Courtyard Marriott - Ewing



Dad in the Marriott pool

Saturday, June 5. The three girls went to the local Dunkin Donuts and brought back coffee, tea, and bagels to the hotel, then we all got in the van by about 8:45 not telling M & D where we were going. We pulled up to the Hamilton Train Station, to catch the 9:37am train to NYC, much to Dad's excitement. Beth had written out an itinerary with some choices of things to do in NYC, he couldn't believe we were going there!



Where should we go?

So we got on the train and headed into the city, arriving at about 11:15. Then we took another train to Times Square by way of a wonderful ticket agent we told of the reason for our visit. He was so happy to hear of their 60 years of marriage that he gave M & D free round-trip tickets and even let us all through a private turnstile so we didn't have to walk so far. Very kind man! We sat at a table in Times Square just people watching and enjoying the day, walked around a bit- it was VERY hot.



Beth, Barb, Mom, Dad at Times Square



Security Guard and Mom wearing his hat

Then we went to the back door of the Marquis Theater with Dad asking a man at the stage door if Dave Stahl had come through yet, and we waited for him to come and spoke to him for a little while. We then went to TGI Fridays for lunch. Then back on the train to catch the 2:55 back to Hamilton Square, then to the hotel for a nap, then out to dinner at the Princeton Diner on Rte 1. Back to the hotel where we girls gave M & D a DVD of the movie that they had seen on their honeymoon at Radio City back in 1950 - "Father of the Bride." We had called RCMH and they looked in their archives and told us the movie that had been there then - M & D had not remembered what they saw. We had planned to watch the DVD together but we couldn't get the sound to work on the DVD player and the hotel didn't have one we could use. So to bed by 10:15.

Sunday, June 6. Complimentary Breakfast in the hotel. Then to the rooms to check out and we presented M & D with a corsage and a boutonniere - they had told us at one point that they did not have flowers the day of their wedding.



We left the hotel and went to West Trenton Pres - pulling up Mom said - WOW look at all the people outside there- then realizing OH MY GOODNESS- IT'S ALL OUR FAMILY!!!



A surprise gathering of family at the church

There was the entire family waiting for us to arrive - Jim, Jimmy, Ellie, Lisa, Jessie, Chris, Debbie, John, Johnny, Claire, Billy, Alexis, Katie, Sarah and Jeff - we were missing one - Bill Marshall - who was in Maine, unfortunately. Well, this brought a few tears... SO PERFECT to see all of our loved ones who came all that way to join Mom and Dad in the church where it all began 60 years ago! The entire crew took up four pews for all of us to be able to sit together - we had alerted the church that we would need a little room... It was youth Sunday and VERY, VERY HOT - no air to speak of, extremely uncomfortable! The pastor publicly greeted our family telling the congregation of the reason for our attendance. It was also announced in the bulletin. Dad stood to speak a few words from where we sat, and the pastor also mentioned it in his prayer. All in all, a very meaningful morning service.

Welcome and congratulations to Dr. Rev. William A. Zulker and his "bride" of 60 years Isabel Cox Zulker who were married here at West Trenton Presbyterian Church on June 10, 1950. They are visiting with us today from Pennsylvania with their family.



Inside West Trenton Presbyterian Church

All the family left to go back to Wallingford as the five of us went back to Freddie's Tavern to let Mom talk with Irma Urbano. It was great to see Mom and Irma reconnect - so cute! They hugged and talked while holding hands and reminiscing about days gone by.



We stopped at Dunkin Donuts for a quick cup of coffee before heading back to Wallingford where everyone had gathered around the house and decorated with balloons and diamonds marking 60 years. There was a full spread of food, even a big “6” “0” cake and cupcakes decorated with miniature diamond rings.



We all stood in the kitchen with the five of us replaying the weekend for the rest of the family. We all joined in to sing a verse of the hymn “Savior like a Shepherd Lead Us” (Claire had made copies of the words) recreating a song sung at M & D’s wedding ceremony, followed by a prayer by Jim Mellon. It was a really great day culminating a most perfect weekend!

Mom and Dad - the three of us girls are very thankful for you and for the example you have shown to us and our family. You have shown love, patience, commitment, endurance, submission, faithfulness, and so many more qualities in your relationship to each other. We are so proud of you and so blessed to have you for our parents. We are thankful to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ without whom we would not be alive or able to have this most precious weekend that we enjoyed together. It was so much fun to plan, to prepare, and to surprise you. We all love spending time with you and with each other.

This was a weekend we will all treasure forever! Thank you for being such good sports! **WE LOVE YOU BOTH SO MUCH! WE ARE THANKFUL TO GOD FOR YOUR LIVES!!!**



Barb, Bev, Dad, Mom, Beth



ZULKERS MARRIED 60 YEARS

Dr. and Mrs. William Zulker of Richland celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 10, 2010.

In addition to a private dinner at Freddie's Restaurant in West Trenton, N.J., the couple was joined by their entire family at a Sunday worship service at the West Trento Presbyterian Church on June 6th, the place of their marriage in 1950, where the groom's grandfather performed the ceremony.

Dr. Zulker, an ordained Presbyterian minister, former church pastor and itinerant preacher in the Philadelphia area, was a college administrator at Eastern University in S Davids, PA for thirty years having served as Director of Admissions, Director of Financial Aid, Campus Minister, then Assistant to the President before retiring in 1990. Since moving to Richland in 2005, he has learned to fly both an airplane and a helicopter at Keller and Deck Airports. He is also the author of the biography, John Wanamaker: King of Merchants.

Mrs. Zulker, the former Isabel Claire Cox, is presently a homemaker. She had been an office secretary, operator-owner of a corner grocery store in Wayne, PA, bookstore manager at Eastern University for twelve years, and an in-home child-care worker for fourteen years.

The Zulker's have three married daughters: Beth Mellon of Richland, PA, Barbara Marshall of Brewster, MA, and Beverly Vesper of Wallingford, PA, and nine grandchildren.

The Zulkers worship at the Zion United Methodist Church in Myerstown, PA. and have enjoyed several vacation trips to Europe.

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us 321

Hymns for the Young 1826
Att. to Dorothy A. Thrupp

John 10:4
When He putteth forth His own sheep, He goeth before them.

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William B. Bradbury, 1859

1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, Much we need Thy ten-der care;
2. We are Thine, do Thou be-friend us, Be the guard-ian of our way;
3. Thou hast prom-ised to re-ceive us, Poor and sin-ful though we be;
4. Ear - ly let us seek Thy fa - vor, Ear - ly let us do Thy will;

In Thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, For our use Thy folds pre-pare:
Keep Thy flock, from sin de - fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray:
Thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
Bless-ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, With Thy love our bos-oms fill:

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear, O hear us when we pray;
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to Thee;
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;

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