

Woman wants 'love' to be meaningful

PERSONAL ADVICE
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Dear Abby:
I have strong feelings about

the word "love." I use it only when I truly mean it. My husband's family, however, bandies it about as a common word.

How does one respond when someone says "I love you" when you know he or she doesn't mean it and is only saying it as a pleasant-ry? I hate saying it back to someone I don't really love. I feel the phrase should be reserved only when you are saying it from the heart. Any advice on what I should say, if anything at all? — Keeping Mum In Mississippi

Dear Keeping Mum: Because you are part of the extended family, and family is supposed to "love" each other, the expected and appropriate response would be, "I love you too, darlin'!" But since you can't bring yourself to go that far, just coo in return, "And you're such a love to say that!"

Dear Abby: I know it may seem early, but this is the best time to start thinking about the Christmas holidays. Can you offer suggestions on what to buy for family and friends? Money is tight in this economy, and lots of good folks are out of work. — Looking Ahead in Vista, Calif.

Dear Looking Ahead: Money is tight in this economy, and the unemployment figures are mind-boggling. For too long, every holiday has been turned into

an opportunity to induce people to shop, shop, shop and buy, buy, buy. That's why I'm suggesting we stop for a moment, examine what's really important about the Christmas season, and focus on that instead of spending money.

The most precious gift one can give is the gift of self. A meaningful example of the spirit of giving would be to volunteer some time as a family to serve food, or collect and distribute toys and clothing at a shelter or program for people who are in dire straits.

Dear Abby: After our father's death last year, my brother, "Rex," and I moved in with our mother to help her out emotionally and financially.

Rex has put a lock on his door, which makes Mom and me feel as if he doesn't trust us enough to respect his privacy. We have never invaded his space or given him cause not to trust us. I love him dearly, but I am puzzled that he feels he needs to lock his room as if we are not trustworthy.

My feelings are hurt. What do you think of his behavior, and am I being overly sensitive? — Open-Door Sis in Mississippi

Dear Sis: Yes, you are, so please stop personalizing it. Your brother is an adult, and adults are entitled to their privacy — which, by the way, your brother has sacrificed to some extent by moving back with Mom and you. Respect his boundaries. The lock indicates to me that he feels he needs some.

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.



MR. & MRS. NORBERT J. BARHORST 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

At St. Henry Parish on Nov. 1 Mrs. Barhorst is the former Anna Marie Werling. They were married at St. Rita Church on Nov. 5, 1949. They are parents of seven children; Lynne Barst, Joe & Robyn, Steven (deceased), Marilyn & Mike Kerr, Betse, Don & Ann Culp, & Teri. They have seven grandchildren; Angie, Steve, Rachel, Paul, Danielle, Madelyn & Nathan. They also have 9 great-grandchildren; Brendan, Matthew, Austin, Anna, Alexa, Landon, Andrew & Carson.



RICHARD & MARILYN KNOR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Richard and Marilyn were married October 17, 1959 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. They celebrated this special occasion with a return trip to the Great Smoky Mountains. They have been blessed with four children: Lisa Cheney (Daren), Chris Knor (Tricia), Julie Craycraft (Dan), Jennie Heiges (Steve), and twelve beautiful grandchildren: Aaron, Matthew and Andrew Cheney, Griffin, Parker, and Ansley Knor, Emily, Sarah, and Timothy Craycraft, Ashley, Alex and Abigail Heiges. May the Lord continue to bless your marriage! We love you and wish you continued health and happiness!

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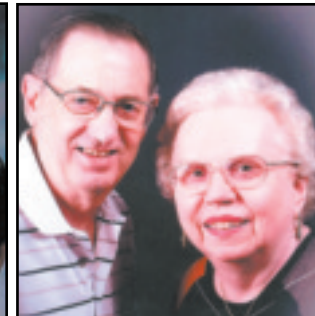
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Anniversary



DON & DONNA TRENTMAN 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Don and Donna (Schwinnen) Trentman of Vandalia, Ohio were married October 31st, 1959 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Landeck, Ohio. They have eight children; Janet (Larry) Dorman of Englewood, David Trentman of Vandalia, Denise (Dave) Richard of Oakwood, Dennis (Joan) Trentman of Cincinnati, Linda (Jeff) Trentman-Coon of Ft. Collins, CO, Steve (Robyn) Trentman of Miamisburg, Carol (Chris) Murray of Vandalia and Brian (Melissa) Trentman of Vandalia. They are proud grandparents of Sara, Jenna, Connor, Mallory, Scott, Mitch, Paige, Nick, Lauren, Andrew, Allison, Lindsay, Matthew, Brigid, Gretchen, Megan, Natalie, Benjamin and Elizabeth. We are grateful for the values they have instilled in us and thankful for their love and support throughout the years. We are blessed to have such wonderful parents. May God continue to bless them with many more years of happiness. The family will gather for mass to celebrate their 50th anniversary at St. Christopher Parish on November 1st. A celebration is planned for next year.



MARY & NICK HARTMAN 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Mary Penno and Nick Hartman were married Oct. 24th 1959 at Our Lady of Mercy Church. A mass was celebrated at St. Rita Church Oct. 25th. A reception was hosted by Mary and Nick and children, Bob, Jerry, Mike, Randy, and grandchildren, Johnny, Anthony, Tristan, and Keaton. Daughter Angela and her children, Lori, and Kyle were there in spirit. We Thank all of our Family and Friend who helped us celebrate our Fifty Years of Marriage.



TERRELL ANNIVERSARY

The Children of Dale & Annabelle Terrell warmly invite friends and family to attend a Surprise Anniversary Celebration honoring their parents 60th Wedding Anniversary the celebration will be from 1:00 til 4:00 PM Saturday, November 7th 2009 Trotwood Grace Brethren Church
12 Strader Drive
NO GIFTS PLEASE

Wedding



EARNEST/SEIM WEDDING

Erica Earnest of Tipp City and Martin Seim of Chemnitz, Germany exchanged marriage vows Saturday October 17, 2009 at The Eintracht Singing Society in Dayton, after a seven year courtship that started while Martin was an exchange student at Bethel High School in 2002. Even though an ocean lie between them, love would prevail! Erica, daughter of Michele and Tim Newman of Bethel, is employed at Dayton Medical Imaging. Martin, son of Sabina Oeschlagel of Thum and Thomas Seim of Chemnitz, is a student at Sinclair Community College.

Engagement



RIBBINK/KEMPTON ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Ribbink of Bellbrook Ohio are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Kelli Ribbink to Kyle Kempton, son of Chris and Kathy Kempton of Bellbrook Ohio. The couple will be married on August 14, 2010 at Incarnation Church in Centerville Ohio. Both Kelli and Kyle are Alumni of Bellbrook High School and Wright State University. They couple will reside in Kettering Ohio.

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