

Hello and Happy Summer!

It's been a beautiful spring and it looks like it's going to be a wonderful summer too. I received this from a friend and thought it was quite humorous so I'm going to share it with you.

How to Stay Married

A man and woman had been married for more than 60 years.
They had shared everything. They had talked about everything.
They had kept no secrets from each other except that the little old woman had a shoe box in the top of her closet that she had cautioned her husband never to open or ask her about.

For all of those years, he had never thought about the box, but one day the little old woman got very sick and the doctor said she would not recover.

In trying to sort out their affairs, the little old man took down the shoe box and took it to his wife's bedside. She agreed that it was time that he should know what was in the box. When he opened it, he found two crocheted dolls and a stack of money totaling \$95,000.

He asked her about the contents. "When we were to be married," she said, "my grandmother told me the secret of a happy marriage was to never argue. She told me that if I ever got angry with you, I should just keep quiet and crochet a doll."

The little old man was so moved; he had to fight back tears. Only two precious dolls were in the box. She had only been angry with him two times in all those years of living and loving. He almost burst with happiness.

"Honey," he said, "that explains the two dolls, but what about all of this money? Where did it come from?" "Oh," she said, "That's the money I made from selling the dolls."

On a more serious note, as many of you know I am a member and Past Exalted Ruler at our Yankton Elks Lodge #994 and we recently lost a good friend of the Elks and a Past Exalted Ruler, Wayne Pibal, Jr... I'd like to share this poem I found with you and his family and friends. I hope it strikes a chord with you as it did with me.

They Say There is a Reason

They say there is a reason,
They say that time will heal,
But neither time nor reason,
Will change the way I feel,
For no-one knows the heartache,
That lies behind our smiles,
No-one knows how many times,
We have broken down and cried,
We want to tell you something,
So there won't be any doubt,
You're so wonderful to think of,
But so hard to be without.

~Author Unknown

Take care and God bless,
I wish for you a safe and happy summer.

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