

## Frank & Kit 51<sup>st</sup> -- Arnie Cleff

Abe Lincoln might say two score and eleven.

In Roman numerals we write it as L I.

Or you could make it a little easier and say, 5 decades plus one year.

However you keep score, Frank and Kit Hall have celebrated 51 years of marriage this year. If you do the math, that totals to exactly 75% of their lives. Another wonderful accomplishment for a member of the 206<sup>th</sup> class of Central High and his lovely wife.

The world record for the longest marriage is 80 years. A little bit of exercise and good eating habits and they just might break it.

Please join with me in a round of applause.

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I have a few more words to say, but rest assured, I will be brief.

I have known Frank since junior high school. He always was a mature thinker, even then. Some people know full well in high school that their future will be in law or medicine or teaching or accounting or engineering or whatever. Frank and Kit knew something even more important. They knew they were right for each other and set off on their journey.

They have three wonderful and loving and accomplished children and two very fine grandchildren. They now live in the Lehigh Valley on a bunch of acres with a view that looks out on the Blue Mountains, 20 miles away. They affectionately call this home “The Impossible Dream.” I call it a heaven on earth.

I am not going to ask them for the secret to marital success. But if you spend a few minutes chatting with them, you can figure it out for yourself. It’s simply a matter of complete and unselfish teamwork. How you get there, however, is the secret they knew from the start.

So, at this point, let's take a moment to celebrate their years of marriage and in fact, to celebrate all the members of the 206 and all those who they hold dear.

Frank, Kit, I have a plaque for you to commemorate this occasion. It reads:

In honor of the  
51st Anniversary of the Marriage of  
FRANK J. HALL and KIT HALL  
On the occasion of the  
50th Anniversary of the Graduation  
Of the 206th Class