

## Celebrating 71 years of Wedded Bliss

For better or for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death or a pandemic us do part. Who could have guessed in 1949 the need to add an additional barrier to such a classic wedding vow.

On Monday May 11<sup>th</sup>, Ida and Clary Gatien celebrated their 71<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary. Ida is a resident of Villa St. Gabriel Villa in Chelmsford. Before the province shut down all non-essential visitations to long-term care facilities Ida's husband Clary would visit daily, arriving at 4 p.m. to spend the dinner hour with his wife.

Hearing the news of the upcoming anniversary the Life Enrichment staff of St. Gabriel's Villa decided to make this a window visit no one would forget. Staff decorated the visiting window at St. Gabriel's Villa, purchased flowers for Ida and invited Ida's care workers down for a sparkling beverage to toast the special couple. Clary was able to deliver his card and read his wife a very special anniversary wish. An anniversary certificate was also presented to both Ida and Clary from Villa St. Gabriel Villa.

When asked what the secret to a long successful marriage was Clary shared that he simply found a good woman; very loyal and dedicated to her family and the church.

In this unprecedented time it is uplifting to witness the amazing staff in long-term care who more than ever are going above and beyond to keep families connected and residents engaged!



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