



RDP article for September, 2015—Manor website feature couple

Ernest and Deanna Williams

Despite being victimized by a stroke, cancer and two seizures, Ernest Williams continued his pursuit toward true love.

The husband of the former Deanna Moore faced both internal and external threats to his wellbeing on the path to their exchange of vows on August 22nd. The ceremony at the Manor of Euclid Banquet and Conference Center culminated two years of allowing God to prepare them for each other.

“I sent her a message on Facebook, telling her how I saw different things she was posting and how beautiful I thought she was and that I wanted to meet with her,” reflected Ernest. However, the new bride had more than a few reservations upon receiving his message. “Before that, I had made a pact with God that I didn’t want to date unless (God showed her) it was going to be my husband,” she confessed. Despite her list of “husband” specifics, her doubting friends, and internal cautions, Ernest’s message resonated.

His gentlemanly approach earned him a Monday evening “pre-date” at a downtown Mexican restaurant where they could break the ice and become truly acquainted. A second date and numerous conversations followed, which eventually eased Deanna’s nervous heart as well as some cautions Ernest had from prior health and financial challenges. Time and Godly counsel soon revealed that love and a marriage proposal were eminent.

After leading her to believe a proposal would come later, Ernest lured Deanna to her favorite restaurant, presumably to celebrate a new job she was to start. There, he shocked her by ending up on one knee. She had more than a little trouble getting out the words “Yes! Of course!” to which the entire restaurant broke into applause.

Having attended previous events at The Manor, Deanna was no stranger. “I had talked to (Manager) Angela Newby in previous dealings. Whenever I would get nervous, she would calm me down, always insuring that everything is going to be alright. It was the same for the wedding.” So when the two needed a combination of “very reasonable” pricing, great food, and team guidance through the planning stage, led by the coordinating expertise of Ashlynn Childs, the Manor had no competition. “I didn’t know that the food and service was going to be as elaborate as it was for the price. The tasting process was great. Even the cost-cutting advice was good—like recommending cupcakes instead of a cake in our situation.” Deanna described. “The ambiance itself was beautiful.”

“Whatever we needed they brought to us—and not slowly,” added Ernest. “Everything was just done well.” To prospect wedding couples, he offers the following testimony. “You can expect that everyone who works there will do whatever they can to make sure everything is done right.”