

Thomas Medford and Mae Hogg

**MARRIED: JULY 30, 1948
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA**

YEARS TOGETHER: 70

One day in November 1947, a tall, lanky young man strode into Sterling Department Store in downtown Little Rock, Ark., and was smitten by a beautiful girl with a big, bright smile working behind the counter. He was 26 and she was 16. He asked her to go out with him, and she agreed.

“He had a nice car and dressed quite well,” Verlia Mae “Mae Mae” Hogg said about Thomas Medford Hogg, known as “T. Med” or “Med” to his many friends. Med says “We just hit it off from the beginning.”



They were married on July 30, 1948.

Med has written five books, one of which is poetry, “The Cornbread Poet.” He credits his writing talent to his Scotch-Irish heritage and a 1700s relative, James Hogg, “the Shepherd Poet” of Scotland. “Tales from the Hogg Pen,” a collection of 39 short stories relating to many of his experiences, is witty and interesting.

For their 20th anniversary, T. Med wrote a poem to Mae that she quotes from memory decades later: “Twenty years ago today/We got married and rode away ... We may not be wealthy in money/But we have blessings more than a few/ One of them is ‘I love you.’”

So, what advice do Mae and Med have for young couples? “We disagreed on some things, but we agree on most things,” Med said. “We worked it out. Let Jesus be number one in your household,” Mae adds.



“You have to forgive and give and take – go to church together – raise your children together as a family.”

“We’ve had a good life. God has blessed us with a good family, all of them are believers in the Lord Jesus Christ,” Mae said. “That is the best blessing we could have.”

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